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3 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

4 Case No. 05-44481

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6 In the Matter of:

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8 DELPHI CORPORATION, ET. AL

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2 HEARING re Motion of the Equity Security Holders to Adjourn
3 Disclosure Statement Hearing and Equity Purchase and Commitment
4 Agreement Hearing

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6 HEARING re Expedited Motion for Order Under 11 U.S.C. Sections
7 105(a), 363(b), 503(b), and 507(a) Authorizing and Approving
8 Amendment to Delphi-Appaloosa Equity Purchase and Commitment
9 Agreement

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11 HEARING re Motion For Order Approving (i)Disclosure Statement;
12 (ii)Record Date, Voting Deadline, and Procedures for Temporary
13 Allowance of Certain Claims; (iii)Hearing Date to Consider
14 Confirmation of Plan; (iv)Procedures For Filing Objections to
15 the Plan; (v)Solicitation Procedures for Voting on Plan;
16 (vi)Cure Claim Procedures; (vii) Procedures for Resolving
17 Disputes Relating to Post-Petition Interest; and (viii)
18 Reclamation Claim Procedures.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

THE COURT: Please be seated. Okay. We're back on the record in Delphi Corporation. I have before me presently the debtors' motion for approval of their entry into the Delphi Appaloosa investment agreement amendment or in the terms that the people have been using throughout this hearing, the December 3 proposed amendment to the EPCA, E-P-C-A, agreement that was entered into between the debtors, on the one hand, and a group of plan investors led by Appaloosa in July of this year and approved by order of the Court on August 2nd, 2007.

The motion, I believe, as contemplated by the debtors was one that was modified during the course of November and December to reflect ongoing negotiations among the debtors and their key constituents over the terms of the proposed amendment. That is, it was originally filed seeking approval of a somewhat different amendment. That request resulted in the filing of numerous objections including by both of the two official statutory committees, the creditors' committee and the equity committee. The debtors and those parties, as well as the plan investors, engaged in continued negotiations at the same time that they also conducted, along with other objectors, a litigation discovery process. The negotiations resulted in the withdrawal of substantially all of the objections to the motion in light of the amendments to the proposed amendment that were agreed to on December 3rd and that are currently

1 before the Court. Discovery proceeded, however, because there
2 were two remaining objections. And in light of those
3 objections, the Court held an evidentiary hearing yesterday
4 over the course of the entire day which I heard four witnesses
5 in support of the motion and as well accepted into evidence and
6 considered numerous exhibits agreed to as far as admissibility
7 is concerned by the debtors and the two objectors.

8 The motion seeks approval by the Court because it is
9 an action out of the ordinary course under 363(b) of the
10 Bankruptcy Code. The consequence of the debtors' entry into
11 the amendment to the EPCA is, among other things, that the
12 debtor would continue to be obligated in respect of certain
13 payment obligations as well as an alternative transaction fee
14 under certain circumstances. And, in a more general sense, the
15 amendment to the EPCA forms the basis for, along with a number
16 of other settlements including the debtors' settlement with GM
17 and its agreements with its various unions for the Chapter 11
18 plan that has been filed and for which the debtor is seeking
19 approval of its disclosure statement, which is also on for
20 today for my consideration.

21 The standard for consideration of a motion under
22 Section 363(b) is one that I've addressed previously in these
23 cases. Generally speaking, the Court must consider whether the
24 transaction for which the debtors seek approval is supported by
25 good business reasons and good business judgment. As set forth

1 by the second circuit in *In re Orion Pictures Corporation*, 4
2 F.3d 1095 (2d Cir. 1993), cert. dismissed, 511 U.S. 1026
3 (1994), the Court has a responsibility to exercise business
4 judgment in respect of transactions sought to be approved out
5 of the ordinary course. I believe that this is in light of the
6 fact that the debtor is in a bankruptcy case and formally
7 beholden to numerous constituents under the supervision of the
8 Court. As observed by Judge Garaufis in the eastern district,
9 under this rule, the trustee, in this case the debtor-in-
10 possession, and the Court in a bankruptcy proceeding must
11 exercise their discretion fairly in the interest of all who
12 have had the misfortune of dealing with the debtor. *Frostbaum*
13 *v. Ochs, O-C-H-S*, 277 B.R. 470, 475, (E.D.N.Y. 2002).

14 I guess it's true that any bankruptcy case is a
15 misfortune. However, the Court approaches some debtors and the
16 parties approach some debtors with a great deal more skepticism
17 than others. It is my experience with these debtors, as well
18 as my conclusion as to the result of yesterday's evidentiary
19 hearing, that these debtors from their board through their
20 senior management, and certainly their professionals, take
21 their responsibilities as debtors and debtors-in-possession
22 with the utmost seriousness and have conducted themselves
23 accordingly. And nevertheless, in a bankruptcy context, unlike
24 a non-bankruptcy context, actions out of the ordinary course
25 are noticed up for approval with the opportunity to object and

1 have a hearing. And the Court takes into account in addition
2 to the normal review of the business judgment of a debtor,
3 which I'll discuss in a moment, the views of other constituents
4 who are presumably -- and I believe here it is at least the
5 case with a number of the constituents -- intimately familiar
6 with the debtors' business and reorganization effort. That is,
7 of course, particularly true of the views of official statutory
8 committees who have fiduciary responsibilities to their
9 constituents. Here, the official creditors' committee which
10 acts as a fiduciary for all unsecured creditors and the
11 official equity committee which acts as a fiduciary for all
12 equity holders.

13 In addition, the second circuit has been clear that
14 in a bankruptcy case even where the committees may be silent,
15 the Court needs to consider -- and I believe this is separate
16 and apart from the state court -- application of the business
17 judgment test that the debtors are undertaking the proposed
18 action as an exercise of their own independent good business
19 judgment and that they are not simply adhering to the demands
20 of a particular constituency or party in interest, which might
21 include, for example in this case, the plan investors or GM or
22 one of the other parties who did not object originally to the
23 motion as originally filed. See *In re Lionel Corporation*, 722
24 F.2d 1063 (2d Cir. 1983).

25 Now that being said, it is also clear to me that

1 neither the second circuit nor Congress intended bankruptcy
2 judges in presiding over a motion for approval of an action out
3 of the ordinary course to delve into the minutia of a debtors'
4 business judgment. And that is particularly the case, again,
5 where creditor and other interested party sentiment is either
6 supporting the requested relief or does not oppose it. Indeed,
7 I believe that a good measure of the state court business
8 judgment test applies in bankruptcy cases as set forth in *In re*
9 *Integrated Resources, Inc.*, 147 B.R. 650, 657-656 (S.D.N.Y.) by
10 then District Judge Mukasey and additionally, and I think quite
11 cogently, by Judge Gerber in *In re Global Crossing, Ltd.*, 295
12 B.R. 726, 742-743 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2003) in which he considered
13 a quite analogous situation where an original plan investor
14 deal or acquisition had fallen through for various reasons and
15 was considering the advisability of the alternative or the new
16 direction proposed to be taken by the debtor. As Judge Mukasey
17 articulated, the business judgment rule is a presumption that
18 in making a business decision, the directors of a corporation
19 acted on an informed basis, in good faith and in the honest
20 belief that the action taken was in the best interest of the
21 company. The business judgment rule's presumption shields
22 corporate decision makers and their decisions from judicial
23 second guessing when the following elements were present: (1)a
24 business decision; (2)disinterestedness; (3)due care; (4)good
25 faith; and (5)according to some Courts and commentators, no

1 abuse of discretion or waste of corporate assets. Parties
2 opposing the proposed exercise of a debtors' business judgment
3 have the burden of rebutting the presumption of validity.

4 Thus, generally a Court will assess itself the merits
5 or fairness of business decisions only when a transaction is
6 one involving a predominantly interested board with financial
7 interests in the transaction adverse to the corporation.
8 Moreover, the appropriate test is the "entire fairness" of a
9 transaction rather than the business judgment rule only "in the
10 face of elicited manipulation" of a board's deliberative
11 processes by self-interested corporate fiduciaries. Of course,
12 there is a wrinkle in or a variation in that standard when it
13 becomes clear that a company is for sale and a takeover becomes
14 inevitable. Which the directors are obligated to secure a
15 maximum value for those to whom they are fiduciaries. And as
16 Judge Mukasey further notes in Integrated Resources, in a
17 bankruptcy case, a board's fiduciary duties extend beyond the
18 shareholders to all creditors as well. Again, as Judge Mukasey
19 prefaces his analysis of the business judgment rule, these
20 business judgment rule principles have "vitality by analogy" in
21 Chapter 11. And I agree that's a very apt description of them
22 because obviously Chapter 11 lends a unique context to a
23 board's deliberations. And a Court, as I said before, must be
24 particularly concerned that the board has taken into account
25 that context including the legitimate views of the debtors'

1 constituents. And if it doesn't then the Court obviously will
2 pay close attention to them.

3 As far as the facts are established before me, as I
4 noted before, by order dated August 2nd, 2007, I approved the
5 EPCA that is still currently in effect and that formed the
6 basis for a consensual plan that the debtors filed in early
7 September as contemplated by the EPCA. That plan provided for
8 distributions to the debtors' creditors and shareholders that
9 had the support of both official committees and at least at
10 that stage, apparently the support of every other party-in-
11 interest. At least there was no vociferous objection. The
12 building block or basis for that plan or a critical building
13 block or basis for that plan was the July EPCA in that it
14 provided for, among other things, an aggregate potential cash
15 investment of 2.55 billion dollars by a group of plan investors
16 in return for a stake in the debtors' reorganized equity.

17 It was not and it is not today as is proposed to be
18 amended a takeover plan. While the plan investors and, in
19 particular, Appaloosa will clearly play an important role in
20 the reorganized debtors under the proposed transaction, the
21 plan investors will not control the debtors. And a substantial
22 portion of the debtors' equity under the modified agreement
23 will be going to the debtors' unsecured creditors with a right
24 to participate in that equity under various forms of
25 conditional consideration, warrants and the like by the

1 debtors' existing shareholders.

2 Nevertheless, the debtors engaged in a process that I
3 considered at the hearing in July in connection with the EPCA
4 whereby they tested the market and one potential competing
5 investor, or lead investor, Highland Capital, did significant
6 due diligence and made a proposal at that time which the board
7 considered and which the board was a data point for the parties
8 and the Court when the original EPCA was approved. It was the
9 board's determination and ultimately my determination that the
10 EPCA was the highest and best proposed transaction. At that
11 time, while it was obvious to one who took the time to read the
12 EPCA that it contained numerous conditions, it was not
13 highlighted by any party to the Court that those conditions
14 were incapable of being met or even reasonably incapable of
15 being met. However, shortly after the Court's approval of the
16 EPCA, it became clear to the parties and in one of the periodic
17 conferences before the Court, the debtor informed the Court
18 that the debtors had concluded that it would be substantially
19 or seriously difficult for the debtors to raise all of the
20 proposed exit financing upon which the Chapter 11 plan that was
21 attached in outline form to the EPCA was premised. And it has
22 subsequently appeared that the debtor would not be able to
23 raise, in light of the substantially changed condition of the
24 capital markets starting in the summer of 2007, approximately a
25 billion nine of exit financing that had been contemplated by

1 that original plan.

2 I should note that in August, if not before, but
3 certainly at that time, it appeared clear to me and I believe
4 to anyone whose knowledgeable about these debtors that they
5 have achieved all -- I would go so far as to say all, at least
6 substantially all, but I would go even farther than that -- of
7 their so-called Chapter 11 transformation goals. I believe
8 this is an important fact to keep in mind in considering the
9 debtors' exercise of their business judgment in respect of the
10 motion before me.

11 Some companies file Chapter 11 simply to rejigger
12 their capital structure. They're, for one reason or another,
13 overburdened with debt but they do not believe their business
14 needs to fundamentally change. The uses of Chapter 11 for that
15 type of company are clear and although the negotiations over
16 the amount of the adjustment to the capital structure may be
17 difficult and sometimes rancorous, it's a process that is
18 fairly easily achievable except for the pain that various
19 lawyers and professionals go to in their negotiations.

20 These debtors used Chapter 11 not only for that
21 purpose but also, frankly, for almost every other purpose that
22 Congress contemplated Chapter 11 could be used for. That's
23 because their business, they recognized, needed fundamental
24 restructuring. Appropriately, therefore, they developed a
25 business plan with professional advice of very high quality.

1 They vetted that business plan with their constituents and
2 began the process, a painful one, of dealing not only with
3 their financial creditors but with their employees and other
4 constituents that often ride through bankruptcy cases
5 unscathed.

6 As I've said in other hearings, given the difficulty
7 of that process overlaid with the very complex issues described
8 at length in the disclosure statement regarding the
9 relationship between General Motors and these debtors and, of
10 course, the fundamental issue that all Chapter 11 debtors deal
11 with which is the appropriate capital structure on emergence,
12 this process was akin to three or four-dimensional chess.
13 Nevertheless, the debtors had managed by August of 2007 and
14 certainly have managed by today to achieve results in each of
15 the categories that they originally intended to achieve.
16 They've reached agreements with their unions. They reached a
17 comprehensive agreement with GM. They have addressed the
18 transformation of their business including the footprint of
19 that business. And they have also, in a comprehensive way,
20 addressed the claims against their estate.

21 I've been saying that the debtors have achieved this
22 and obviously the debtors took the lead in that process. But
23 it was clearly not an achievement simply by the debtors. It
24 reflected clearly a collective effort that has evidenced, for
25 example, a very sophisticated and responsible level of analysis

1 by the debtors' unions and a very sophisticated high level and
2 responsible analysis by GM. It appears to me, although, again,
3 the context for my remarks is a motion under Section 363(b),
4 which is ultimately just a summary proceeding, that it also
5 reflected a very sophisticated and responsible analysis by the
6 two official committees which realized that in a case of this
7 kind where, among other things, the parties need to be mindful
8 of the requirements of Section 1113 of the Code that any
9 coerced agreement with the unions to be approved by the Court
10 must involve an assessment that all parties, all creditors, the
11 debtor and anyone else affected, are treated fairly. And that
12 the balance of equities clearly favors modification of the
13 collective bargaining agreement. I believe that the analysis
14 by the committees also took into account the extremely complex
15 role that GM plays in the reorganization of these debtors in
16 terms of a customer, a creditor and a potential source of
17 recovery. One where GM logically would not want to make the
18 types of agreements and concessions it would most optimally
19 make for the benefit of the estate unless it got a
20 comprehensive release for those types of potential claims.

21 And finally, as is the case with many large corporate
22 debtors but I believe is clearly the case here, the two
23 committees acted in a sophisticated and responsible way in
24 recognition that the pinpoint valuation of such a set of
25 businesses is a fantasy and that valuation ultimately in this

1 context, particularly given the other two points that I just
2 made, is one that should be premised upon a negotiation based
3 on a course economic reality but that ultimately reflects a
4 willingness by all of the parties to live with what they
5 believe is fair in light of the entire context.

6 Anyway, that was the state of play when it became
7 clear to the debtors and to the other parties that the debtors
8 in all likelihood would not be able to raise approximately two
9 billion dollars of the financing upon which the Chapter 11 plan
10 was premised. The plan itself clearly would need to be
11 renegotiated on that basis, at least based upon the numbers
12 that the Court heard yesterday from Mr. Butler, i.e., there was
13 not sufficient cash in the debtors to make up that shortfall
14 and still provide for the cash distributions to GM and the
15 unsecured creditors that the September 6 plan contemplated.
16 When you don't have cash and you can't raise debt, the solution
17 is to provide equity and of course that would affect the other
18 parties as well.

19 What was not clear immediately at least to the Court
20 is whether this situation necessarily required a renegotiation
21 of the EPCA or if it did to what extent it would need to be
22 renegotiated. The debtors, knowing the effect of uncertainty
23 on their reorganization process and potentially on their
24 business -- and I should have noted previously that while the
25 debtors have been implementing their transformation plan, they

1 appeared to have successfully continued to provide the types of
2 service and products to their customers that they did pre-
3 bankruptcy and indeed have maintained customer support and
4 loyalty. Therefore, the debtors, knowing that basically every
5 constituent in the case was looking for the conclusion of the
6 case that was ripe to be achieved would be discomfited by a
7 change of direction in that process, concluded that they should
8 pursue not only renegotiation of the plan but in light of their
9 assessment of the plan investors' position renegotiation of the
10 EPCA as well although it appears to me that they kept their
11 litigation options open. It also appears clear to me that the
12 other parties felt that they should pursue renegotiation as
13 well although they, too, were careful to keep their litigation
14 options open.

15 To me, having reviewed the EPCA, that general
16 approach seems to me to have been clearly correct. One can
17 review the document and as a legal matter conclude that it was
18 by no means a foregone conclusion that the plan investors could
19 use the developments in the financial markets and the necessary
20 modification of the plan as a basis for walking. And that
21 their refusal to go forward might well constitute an
22 anticipatory breach, go forward with a plan, i.e., that simply
23 changed the equity percentages without materially affecting
24 their economics. In support of such a view, one could point to
25 the express exclusions from the material adverse affects

1 provision of the agreements that excluded changes in the
2 financial markets and the markets dealing with Delphi's
3 customers.

4 One could point to the language of the agreement that
5 referred to a plan consistent with the plan attached which
6 would include, arguably, one that was consistent with the
7 underlying economics of the proposal as far as the plan
8 investors were concerned, i.e., if other constituents were
9 prepared to change their consideration without any material
10 change to the economics of the plan investors how would the
11 plan be inconsistent. And one could point to, as Mr. Tepper
12 did the other day, commitments by plan funders to use their
13 reasonable best efforts to move forward.

14 In addition to those legal issues, it also is clear
15 to me, as I said before, that at the hearings on approval of
16 the EPCA, the prospect of a substantial change in the capital
17 markets restricting credit was not raised. I do not know
18 whether in fact any members of the plan investor group
19 nevertheless knew that fact or at least had made substantial
20 bets that that in fact would happen. That is something on a
21 nonconsensual basis that clearly would have been explored.
22 And, of course, even if as a legal matter it would not have
23 consequences, it would clearly have had consequences as a
24 reputational matter if in fact it proved to be the case the
25 plan investors had made such bets in other contexts and were

1 using the down turn in the financial markets as an opportunity
2 to seek unmerited concessions on a renegotiation. On the other
3 hand, in reviewing the agreement, as Mr. Tepper outlined in his
4 testimony yesterday, there are various provisions that would
5 argue that the agreement (a)could conceivably still work and
6 therefore the debtors would be held in through its termination
7 day; (b)that the debtors' inability to raise the exit financing
8 and deliver the plan in the format attached to the EPCA would
9 be the debtors' default; and ultimately (c)that the cost if
10 there were a breach to the plan investors would be capped at a
11 hundred million dollars. And of course, the plan investors
12 have made no concession that they have breached anything. So
13 that's a rather small sum in the overall context would have
14 been the grand prize if the debtors pursued a litigation
15 approach.

16 In addition, the parties, first and foremost the
17 debtors, needed to consider their alternatives. As I noted
18 before, it appears clear to me that even with the receipt by
19 the creditors of stock instead of cash, a large investment by a
20 third party would be necessary to achieve the fundamental goals
21 that the debtors had put in place in respect of their
22 reorganization including the GM settlement, the resolution of
23 their pension plan issue and the other uses of cash that their
24 business and plan requires. And given the nature of the
25 capital markets, given the absence of any other bidder in the

1 original process than Highland and given the very fundamental
2 common sense assessment that any third party would take
3 advantage of the debtors' present condition and of course would
4 be even more free to do so if not confronted with the legal and
5 reputational issues that would serve to reign in the plan
6 investors under the EPCA, it would appear that unless the
7 debtors pursued a reasonable renegotiation of the EPCA, they
8 would be taking a leap into the dark.

9 Now as far as the business judgment is concerned,
10 although I've laid out that analysis on my own, the debtors
11 clearly went through the proper process of reaching those
12 conclusions. The evidence is clear to that effect. They
13 understood the pressures they were under. I do not believe, in
14 contrast to Lionel, they simply gave in or buckled under. They
15 shared this analysis with their committees and their
16 constituents as well. I should note, although it comes up in a
17 different context, an observation in this regard by Judge
18 Gerber in the Adelphia, which is actually quoted approvingly by
19 Judge Kaplan, District Judge Kaplan, at 337 B.R. 475 (S.D.N.Y.
20 2006), where "coercion results from differences in bargaining
21 power as a consequence of law or fact". That is aptly noted as
22 what one calls leverage and it can't be ignored.

23 Consequently, to keep the EPCA alive, and it appears
24 to me also to proceed in good faith with their DIP financing
25 and their exit financing efforts, the debtors proposed an

1 amended -- or an amendment to the EPCA in November that had
2 been agreed to, they thought, by all of the plan investors.
3 One of those plan investors apparently chose not to agree to
4 it, however, at least in the first instance. As Mr. Sheehan's
5 e-mail to the board -- I believe it's Exhibit 44 -- candidly
6 recognized, that agreement was one that the statutory
7 committees would have a real problem with, to put it lightly,
8 particularly the equity committee. And indeed, that's what
9 happened. Frankly, the Court had a real problem with it also.
10 In particular, the Court had a problem with the fact that the
11 plan investor group wasn't able apparently to stay together
12 even over that agreement. And frankly, because that particular
13 plan investor, whether it's true or not, I don't know, had at
14 the same time been touting in the media how it had been astute
15 in recognizing the insipient credit crunch and therefore had
16 profited from it. Not a good fact either as a legal or
17 reputational matter for walking from an agreement for the same
18 reason.

19 In any event, given the objections by almost every
20 constituent in the case including the two fiduciary committees,
21 I concluded notwithstanding the debtors' view that this case
22 could not take the pressure that all of the parties, including
23 the plan investors but all of them, should realize that I took
24 these objections seriously and that if they could not be
25 resolved, frankly, all the parties including the plan investors

1 were warned that there would be serious consequences.

2 I don't view that as a market test but I do view that
3 as a reality check. In light of that, the parties went back
4 and continued their negotiations. Those negotiations, as I
5 said at the beginning, culminated in the December 3rd EPCA
6 amendment, the one that's before me now, and it has led to --
7 or have led to the withdrawal of the objections by the two
8 official committees with the caveat laid out on the record
9 yesterday by the equity committee and the withdrawal of all of
10 the other objections except the bondholder group and the
11 bondholders' indenture trustee.

12 I take seriously the fact that the committees have
13 withdrawn their objections. I understand that as no one is
14 happy with the bankruptcy case to begin with, the change
15 circumstances resulting from the changes in the capital markets
16 are not a happy event to anyone. But I accept the two
17 committees' analysis and the debtors' analysis that the
18 December 3rd amendment is an amendment made in light of real
19 leverage, not artificial leverage, considering all of the
20 factors, both legal and reputational and that it is not an
21 instance of overreaching. I do not believe and I don't believe
22 the evidence shows this that the alternatives would result in
23 greater maximization of value for creditors and interest
24 holders. I do not see a viable alternative without a third
25 party investment. There may be some dispute about how much

1 would be needed but clearly a large amount would be needed to
2 make the current plan work. More importantly, the effect after
3 the debtors have achieved what they have achieved in Chapter 11
4 of delaying the Chapter 11 process is -- would be serious.
5 There would be direct costs obviously. Mr. Sheehan testified,
6 that the direct out-of-pocket costs of the Chapter 11 case
7 alone, in terms of professional fees, is roughly ten to twelve
8 million a month. He also testified that the cost of another
9 waiver could well be at least the amount of the twenty million
10 dollars that the PBGC extracted in connection with this waiver
11 that's in effect through February 29th.

12 By the way, in complimenting the other parties, the
13 unions, GM, the committees, I should not have omitted the PBGC
14 and the IRS in terms of their sophistication in analyzing the
15 debtors' reorganization. In my experience, although it goes
16 back probably too long and I'm comparing perhaps apples and
17 oranges, but it is a very welcome level of sophistication that
18 didn't always exist from those agencies in bankruptcy cases.

19 In any event, I imagine that the cost of getting
20 other waivers or extensions would be direct and tangible. And
21 I could assume that if one did indeed change course, took a
22 litigation approach, sought a declaration if there had been an
23 anticipatory breach of the EPCA, for example, it would take at
24 least six months to be in a position to propose a Chapter 11
25 plan again, if that. So the direct costs to me seem roughly in

1 the hundred million dollar range. That's leaving aside the
2 indirect costs that Mr. Sheehan also testified to, which are,
3 frankly, unquantifiable but they all have to do with the notion
4 of going out to the world and telling your customers and your
5 constituents that we're going to have to update the business
6 plan, resume negotiations with GM and potentially also resume
7 negotiations with the unions setting aside the issue of trying
8 to find a group of plan investors who would be providing better
9 terms than the current ones. I think weighing those costs,
10 direct and indirect, and having gone through the exercise where
11 I believe, at least I hope, it was impressed upon the plan
12 investors the full adverse potential consequences to them of
13 not reaching agreement with the two committees that the present
14 amendment before the Court properly reflects a fully informed
15 arms length negotiation and is not an overreach.

16 Notwithstanding that analysis, there have been two
17 remaining objections to the December 3 EPCA amendment. One is
18 by the indenture trustee for the senior bonds. The indenture
19 trustee is well represented but I say that with an appreciation
20 that one of the aspects of representing an indenture trustee is
21 that one needs to look out for the interests of a fiduciary
22 whose clients don't necessarily all speak their mind. That's
23 particularly so in today's litigious environment where
24 indenture trustees for doing nothing even where one can argue
25 that doing nothing is the right thing.

1 The other objection is by a group of senior
2 bondholders who in their present iteration hold roughly six
3 hundred million dollars of the senior bond issue which is
4 substantially larger than that amount.

5 I have addressed already, I believe, the general good
6 business reasons for entering into the December 3 EPCA so I
7 won't go through those again in response to one of the
8 objectors' objections which is that there are not good business
9 reasons for entering into it. I will address, however -- there
10 are other objections which I've not specifically addressed thus
11 far.

12 The first is, although it really is not stated in the
13 pleadings although there was a suggestion of it during the
14 trial that the process by which the debtors and the committees
15 analyzed the facts and legal issues was tainted by the fact
16 that the current plan as frankly, I believe, any plan that
17 would ultimately be proved in the case, but the current plan,
18 in any event, includes in it recognition that a portion of the
19 reorganized equity will be reserved for allocation to
20 management on a going forward basis after emergence from
21 bankruptcy. They also note that the company intends, as set
22 forth in the disclosure statement, to seek approval of
23 emergence bonuses for certain management. I believe the
24 contention would be although, again, this was not articulated
25 in writing, that that fact biased management in favor of

1 getting this process over with. I do not believe that was the
2 case based on Mr. Sheehan's testimony and my analysis of the
3 merits of the decision to go forward with the December 3 EPCA.
4 I also accept Mr. Miller's testimony which is corroborated by
5 the general record of this case that these debtors have a very
6 active and responsible board with active independent directors
7 and that the board has taken a lead in all phases of the
8 debtors' analysis of a plan investment. There's no secret
9 regarding the proposed reservation of equity to be distributed
10 as an incentive post reorganization. And the disclosure
11 statement certainly makes no secret of the debtors' intention
12 to propose emergence bonuses.

13 The debtors' two official committees obviously don't
14 have that problem. They don't get emergence bonuses and
15 they've made the analysis that they have made. Even were I to
16 conclude that there was some effect on the process, which I
17 very clearly do not, I think that would override any such of an
18 argument.

19 It's also contended by the objectors that the plan
20 investors have impermissibly chilled the ability of the debtors
21 to consider alternative transactions. That is based upon an
22 agreement among the plan investors and their sources of
23 financing to use their best efforts to proceed with the EPCA.
24 That agreement is not a secret and, frankly, it seems to me
25 inherent in any agreement where you have more than one party

1 providing financing.

2 It's somewhat ironic that the other objection or one
3 of the other objections to this amendment is that it has too
4 much conditionality or optionality. I believe that if you did
5 not have the type of investor lock-up that you had, you would
6 of course have that type of conditionality here. I accept Mr.
7 Tepper's general notion that there are plenty of other parties
8 out there with a lot of money if they want to come to the table
9 and that these agreements which keep these people at the table,
10 the lock-up agreements, do not preclude those others from
11 coming in except, of course, under the circumstances that I had
12 previously approved contingent upon the debtors' payment of an
13 alternative transaction fee under the circumstances where that
14 type of fee would be earned. The evidence shows at least that
15 the only use of a lock-up was not to keep a plan investor or
16 source of funding from providing a better deal for the estate
17 but rather as a threat to keep one of the plan investors from
18 walking off the reservation to hurt the deal.

19 It's also contended -- and, frankly, having reread
20 all three iterations of the ad hoc bondholder group objections,
21 I believe it's the main focus of those objections. It
22 certainly was the only focus of the initial objection which
23 was, of course, to a worse amendment. That the plan upon which
24 the EPCA is premised unfairly and it is alleged in an
25 unconfirmable way arrogates value to a subordinated debt group.

1 Frankly, I don't really blame the objectors for raising this
2 objection. It seems to me and I believe it probably seemed to
3 them that it was their last best relatively free chance to
4 object to a future of the plan that they don't like. That is,
5 the treatment of the so-called TOPrS, T-O-P-R-S, bondholders
6 holding approximately 400 million of bonds. Those bonds are
7 subordinate to senior debt. The evidence shows that that
8 senior debt is somewhere in the range of three to three and a
9 half billion dollars and would include the 600 million held by
10 the ad hoc group. If it were the case, obviously, that this
11 EPCA, for which the debtor is paying a price in terms of fees
12 and potential alternative transaction fee, was premised upon a
13 plan that either was unconfirmable or, in my view, was unduly
14 susceptible to being rejecting by voting creditors, I would
15 understand and agree with the objectors' argument. Obviously,
16 under those circumstances, something would have to give to
17 render the plan likely of confirmation.

18 I don't think that's what the treatment of the TOPrS
19 under this plan constitutes. As I noted earlier, this is a
20 negotiated plan. It's premised upon important negotiations.
21 The agreements with the unions were negotiated in a backdrop of
22 1113 of the Bankruptcy Code which, as I quoted earlier,
23 requires an assessment of the fairness of the plan to all
24 parties vis a vis the unions. It was also negotiated and is
25 premised upon a complex agreement with GM where GM is going to

1 want, and anyone would want, a release from everyone at Delphi.
2 every constituent. And finally, it is one where you have a
3 debtor that is difficult to value.

4 We all know that under the Bankruptcy Code, Congress
5 gave the ability of a senior class to waive its priority rights
6 through a plan vote. Under these circumstances, particularly
7 going through the analysis I'm about to go through, I believe
8 that would be the rational businesslike choice of senior
9 creditors here. Thankfully, according to the second circuit,
10 my view is not a guarantee. I don't get paid enough for that.
11 But it's my firm belief.

12 I went through one mathematical example of that
13 yesterday based upon Rothschild's midpoint valuation, assuming
14 for the moment that voters act as economic animals and will
15 obviously test a negotiated plan value. Everyone paid a lot of
16 money to Rothschild collectively through their fees being paid
17 out of the estate to come to that valuation and obviously it
18 will be tested. But the committees have their experts and they
19 have reached their negotiated result.

20 So that's a good data point. And based on my
21 analysis from yesterday, and I won't repeat it again, I believe
22 a rational voter holding senior debt considering the recovery
23 that he or she or its institution would get under the plan and
24 the risks of a reduced recovery if they killed the plan would
25 vote in favor of it. And I don't believe that's coercion. I

1 believe that is a recognition of all the parties' leverage
2 under the facts of this case.

3 However, it was also stated to me that based upon
4 recent short term trading values, the senior debt is trading
5 lower than Rothschild valuation although just a few months ago
6 it was trading substantially higher than Rothschild's midpoint
7 valuation. I've noted that trading values are a data point for
8 valuation but a dangerous one as evidenced, I believe, by the
9 incredible fluctuations shown on the exhibit with which we
10 began this trial and numerous past experiences where people
11 bought and sold distressed debt in an environment where not
12 only business information but also legal arbitrage plays a role
13 in sometimes thinly traded markets. This results in instances
14 where some people make enormous profits including when they buy
15 from supposed fiduciaries who have great interest in maximizing
16 value. And I'll give you one brief example which is the sale
17 of the executive life portfolio by the insurance commissioner
18 of California where one single element of that sale not only
19 paid back the entire sale price but set the purchaser on the
20 course of an enormous fortune.

21 Given my own experience with trading in distressed
22 debt, therefore, I approach it with some skepticism as an
23 accurate market reflection. However, let us presume for the
24 moment that the true value of the distributions to senior
25 unsecured creditors is fifty cents on the dollar. The

1 principal amount of the TOPrS debt is 400 million.
2 Distribution under that presumed value would be 200 million. I
3 am assuming that before they would agree to the third party
4 release in the plan, which I believe is critical for the GM
5 settlement, they would require distribution. And I believe
6 that any of the objecting ad hoc bondholders, if they were in
7 that position, know that they would do the same. So that 200
8 million dollar distribution could not all be transferred to the
9 senior debt and have this plan be confirmable in my view.
10 Let's assume half of it was so that three to 3.5 billion
11 dollars senior debt in my view would be likely to get something
12 between a hundred to two hundred million dollars although I
13 think a hundred is a lot closer of value on the assumption of
14 valuation that was posited to me. As I noted before, the
15 direct cost of jettising the EPCA and taking a new approach
16 before considering any effects on the business or any
17 transaction risks of entering into a new transaction, in my
18 view, is a hundred million dollars. Why would you make that
19 trade? I don't see it.

20 Now the senior bondholders might say well, we
21 wouldn't be sharing all that pain. We wouldn't be taking it
22 all. We'd be sharing it with every other constituent. I would
23 expect them to go to every meeting in person as opposed to
24 asking their poor lawyer to do that if they made that demand
25 of, say, for example, the unions, GM or trade creditors.

1 Now as far as the technical objection to plan
2 confirmation, I considered that issue and I'll address it at
3 the disclosure statement hearing. But I believe the technical
4 objections raised as opposed to the economic analysis that I
5 just went through are all objections that go to drafting and
6 not treatment. The focus, I believe, should be on treatment
7 and that's the analysis I've gone through. I do not therefore
8 believe that this aspect of the plan is one that renders the
9 EPCA illusory or unduly conditional. I believe it reflects in
10 large measure rights that as a practical matter, perhaps not as
11 a legal matter but as a practical matter, although also perhaps
12 as a legal matter 'cause valuation is still to be determined if
13 there's a contest over valuation, the TOPrS have just as the
14 shareholders have. And, frankly, I saw no objection from the
15 ad hoc bondholder group to the treatment of the shareholders.

16 Finally, the objectors contend that the EPCA
17 amendment is a de facto Chapter 11 plan that should not be
18 approved now without going through voting and all of the other
19 steps that are required before confirmation of a Chapter 11
20 plan. I have previously dealt with this point in connection
21 with the earlier iterations of the EPCA and will do so here
22 only briefly because I believe it's the law of the case and my
23 rationale was set forth previously. This is not the type of
24 transaction that constitutes an impermissible sub rosa plan of
25 reorganization. This is a building block, an important one, to

1 achieving a confirmed Chapter 11 plan. And without such
2 building blocks, without such sales, without such agreements
3 with unions, without such settlements, generally -- although
4 the GM settlement is one that's in the plan because it does
5 call for the release, which, I think, is the main reason it's
6 in the plan -- most plans can't get done. That distinction was
7 made well by Judge Gropper in *In re Tower Automotive, Inc.*, 342
8 B.R. 158, aff'd 241 F.R.D. 162 (S.D.N.Y. 2006). And I don't
9 need, I believe, to amplify on it more.

10 As there, here the EPCA does not direct but in fact
11 is conditioned upon voting on a plan. I suppose those plan
12 investors who also hold debtor securities will vote in favor of
13 the plan. I believe there'd be serious consequences if they
14 didn't. But that's as a matter of their agreement. No other
15 creditor is bound in any way, directly or indirectly, by
16 contract to vote on this plan. And as I said, they are free to
17 go through the analysis that I just went through and reach a
18 contrary result.

19 The last point that I want to address was a point
20 raised not only by the two objectors but by the official
21 unsecured creditors' committee. It deals with a provision of
22 the EPCA that creates as a condition to the plan investors
23 going forward with their investment that there be a cap of 585
24 million dollars on interest expense in connection with the exit
25 financing. The committee has pointed out that it is concerned

1 given the volatility in the credit markets that that cap is too
2 low. They have suggested one that is roughly forty million
3 dollars higher. I suggested yesterday that the plan investors
4 seriously consider increasing the size of that cap. The point
5 made by the bondholder group indenture trustee and here by the
6 creditors' committee is one that I believe frankly everyone in
7 this room, including the plan investors, would agree with,
8 which is that we do not want to go through this exercise again.
9 And so, I had urged the plan investors to consider increasing
10 that cap in light of that fact.

11 Indeed, going through this process again would be
12 particularly onerous given that it is likely that, in one form
13 or another, the disclosure statement will be going out shortly.
14 Notice will be posted in publications all over the country.
15 Hundreds of thousands of people will be voting on this plan.
16 And the world will be perceiving that this plan is going
17 forward premised upon an investment by the plan investors. I
18 understood Mr. Tepper's answer to me and, frankly, though I'm
19 not a mind reader, I don't view Mr. Tepper as particularly
20 opposing the request I made. But it was reported to me this
21 morning that the investor group as a whole, which apparently
22 requires unanimity, did not agree to the request. I appreciate
23 the difficulty that Mr. Tepper had in holding together his
24 group and, frankly, I believe it required me to do something I
25 normally don't do to help him keep control of the group

1 earlier. I have to ask myself whether the refusal to agree to
2 that request by the creditors' committee is sufficient to
3 override the other considerations, which are strong, in terms
4 of going forward the proposed transaction.

5 In that regard, let me observe two or three things.
6 First, I believe that the debtors do have, as stated by Mr.
7 Resnick, some flexibility in dealing with their post
8 reorganization interest expense. Secondly, I believe that the
9 actual economic effect of the type of increase, if it occurs,
10 that the committee is concerned about upon the plan investors'
11 investment would indeed be minimal as Mr. Resnick testified.
12 Thirdly, as I said before, when a financial institution that
13 expects to continue to be able to negotiate transactions
14 refuses to do so in such a highly public context where hundreds
15 of thousands of people have relied on them acting in good
16 faith, I believe, ultimately that if in fact the condition is
17 exceeded in the range that Mr. Rosenberg was proposing that it
18 would be incumbent for both legal and reputational reasons for
19 the plan investors to respond to that situation in good faith
20 with a reasonable concession.

21 I make that observation partly from my own experience
22 as a judge. There are investors out there who have a
23 reputation which I assume they deserve who go into every deal
24 with a strike against them even though they have lots of cash
25 and that's because it's perceived that at the end of the day

1 their handshake won't be trusted and that they won't deal in
2 good faith as a business person would expect.

3 Frankly, I believe that Appaloosa's response to this
4 whole set of circumstances doesn't put them in that category at
5 all. I don't believe Mr. Tepper was blowing smoke at me
6 yesterday when he said a handshake is a handshake, a deal is a
7 deal. Given that and given that I believe all of the other
8 plan investors want to continue to fall in the category where
9 you don't have a strike against you whenever you come into
10 court and say we want to bid for this company or we want to bid
11 against those people that they will deal in good faith if in
12 fact the debtors don't have room to manage this condition.

13 Consequently, I will approve the debtors' entry into
14 the amended EPCA agreement.

15 The last point I should address is the debtors'
16 request for a waiver of the ten-day stay under Bankruptcy Rule
17 6004. That stay was, I believe, put in place to prevent
18 debtors and purchasers from rendering appeals moot by promptly
19 closing after bankruptcy court approval of a transaction.
20 That's clearly not going to happen here. The closing of this
21 EPCA is not going to happen for a number of weeks. So I
22 believe, particularly in light of any objection to the request,
23 that the debtors are not here circumventing the purpose for
24 which the Rule was enacted. Rather, they are, however, in an
25 environment where not everyone is particularly savvy about

1 Bankruptcy Code processes and procedures and where it is
2 important to them to reassure all their constituents that they
3 are on a path to complete the process that I said they had
4 basically completed but for the plan in September that they
5 have what they can refer to as a final order not subject to a
6 statutory stay. So in light of that, I will authorize the
7 waiver of the 6004(g) stay.

8 I don't know if you have a current version of the
9 order on this but since I gave what for me is unfortunately too
10 long a ruling, I'm not sure you need much of an order other
11 than the basic findings and a reference to the Court's bench
12 ruling which, as I always do, I reserve the right to read over
13 to see what I did to myself giving an oral ruling and what
14 sometimes, not always, even the best court reporters do to what
15 you should say. So obviously my ruling won't change but I
16 reserve the right to correct my grammar, citation, whatever.
17 But it seems to me that the order should be pretty simple here.

18 MR. BUTLER: Your Honor, I think we do have a form of
19 order that's been circulated to the parties. It was an exhibit
20 to the record yesterday. And we'll double check it during a
21 break and submit it to Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: All right. All right. Now the other
23 matter that's on is the disclosure statement hearing.

24 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

25 THE COURT: Do you want to move right ahead with

1 that? Do you have any parties to talk to about that? Or --

2 MR. BUTLER: I think what I'd like to do is we could
3 just take a very brief recess of ten minutes or so and try to
4 get set up --

5 THE COURT: All right. I'll be back at 12.

6 MR. BUTLER: Thank you.

7 (Recess from 11:52 a.m. until 12:26 p.m.)

8 THE COURT: All right. We're back on the record in
9 Delphi Corporation. We're up to the disclosure statement and
10 related solicitation procedures matters.

11 MR. BUTLER: Your Honor, with respect to the omnibus
12 agenda -- non-omnibus agenda we filed for the hearing that
13 began yesterday and continuing today, this is item number 3 on
14 that agenda. The solicitation procedures motion concludes the
15 relief seeking and approving the disclosure statement. It's
16 filed at docket number 9266.

17 Your Honor, the debtors propose to give sort of a
18 summary where we think we are from the debtors' perspective.
19 And then seeing as the disclosure statement hearings are often
20 times largely, among other things, drafting sessions, we work
21 out language with the Court and language of the parties. With
22 the Court's permission I was going to ask if the parties could
23 use the mikes at the tables.

24 THE COURT: Yeah, that's fine.

25 MR. BUTLER: So as not to have to jump up and down.

1 THE COURT: That's fine.

2 MR. BUTLER: As we go through.

3 THE COURT: You could sit there if you want, if
4 you're going to be speaking.

5 MR. BUTLER: So, Your Honor, just as we begin this
6 second day of the disclosure statement hearing, this relates to
7 the original plan filed at docket number 9263, and the
8 disclosure statement filed at docket number 9264. The
9 disclosure statement hearing in these cases commenced on
10 October 3rd at which time Your Honor resolved a number of
11 objections that were then pending, by an order entered on
12 October 9th, at docket number 10497. As we indicated at that
13 hearing, what the debtors intended to do is not file a
14 subsequent or iterative plans and disclosure statements but
15 rather to file, as we worked through them, a series of
16 potential amendments. So we could get to this continuation of
17 the hearing and assuming that we can obtain Your Honor's
18 endorsement of a form of disclosure statement to go out, we
19 will in connection with that, and we submit the final form of
20 the solicitation order. The debtors will file formally a first
21 amended plan, executed by the debtors and a first amended
22 disclosure statement, executed by the debtors in a form that
23 this Court is prepared to have solicited.

24 So everything up to this point of time has been a
25 series of amendments. We have made three of them formally so

1 far. As we've moved through the hearing we filed a series of
2 amendments to the Plan of disclosure statement on October 29,
3 2007, at docket number 10759. We filed further amendments to
4 the disclosure statement, a appendices on November 14th, at
5 docket number 10932, and conforming amendments to the
6 disclosure statement on November 16th at docket number 10964.
7 And we filed a third round on December 3, 2007 at docket number
8 11220. It certainly not a mistake that these were filed at
9 around the time and in connection with updating the GM
10 settlements and the investment agreement amendments because the
11 consent of both of those parties is required for these filings.

12 THE COURT: Okay. I have -- the one I've been
13 working off of is dated December 6th.

14 MR. BUTLER: Correct. I'm going to walk through that
15 to the -- walk through that. And that is -- those are the
16 amendments that we filed. And then on December 5th we filed,
17 in connection with our reply; we filed a series of additional
18 amendments at dockets number 11291 and 11295. And that
19 included in that notice of filing, it included what the Court
20 wanted to do, which was a cumulative blackline back to
21 September 6th of the Plan and disclosure statement, and that is
22 dated, I believe, December 6th, in terms of the actual document
23 that's before the Court.

24 THE COURT: Okay.

25 MR. BUTLER: And it's that document that we propose

1 be the working draft, which I presumed the Court looked at as
2 we move forward. But that's the history of the filings the
3 company has made -- the debtors have made in connection with
4 these matters. As a result of that there have been a series of
5 objections that have been filed at various times here. And
6 just to sort of summarize those objections before the Court
7 today, I'm not going to summarize the statements, but the
8 objectors before the Court today include Cheryl Carter, at
9 docket number 10792. This is essentially a similar objection,
10 I won't say a duplicate objection, but it's a similar objection
11 that she lodged prior to the September -- the September 28th
12 disclosure statement objection deadlines, which Your Honor
13 overruled on the October 3rd disclosure statement hearing.
14 This was a letter she sent to the Court on October 23, 2007.

15 There are -- and then in terms of the remaining --

16 THE COURT: Could I -- let's -- given everything that
17 has to be done today -- is Ms. Carter here by any chance? No.
18 It may get lost in the shuffle. I reviewed it. You're right,
19 it is essentially of what was filed before. As I read it it
20 basically opposes the idea of Delphi being in bankruptcy and
21 for the same reasons that I overruled it before I would
22 overrule it now.

23 MR. BUTLER: Thank you, Your Honor. Your Honor, also
24 just procedurally so we can it someplace, the equity committee
25 did file a motion to continue the disclosure statement hearing

1 at docket number 10795, and that is not a motion that they're
2 pursuing at this time. I want you just to confirm.

3 MR. JOSEPH: That's correct, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Okay.

5 MR. BUTLER: Your Honor, I think that means that the
6 balance of objections have been filed by -- and there have been
7 objections filed, some of which I think, may have been
8 withdrawn, but we'll work through them. The equity committee
9 has filed a series of objections at docket 10802, and at docket
10 11028. They still may have particular comments to the
11 disclosure statement. I think the balance of those objections
12 are not being pursued by they may certainly have some comments
13 as we walk through the day today.

14 Similarly, the creditors' committee filed a series of
15 objections at docket 10804, at docket 11034. I also believe it
16 to be the case that the creditors' committee is not pursuing
17 those objections as stated but may also have comments to -- as
18 matters are considered by the Court during the hearing today.

19 MR. ROSENBERG: That is correct, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Okay.

21 MR. BUTLER: So the -- I also wanted to address the
22 objection filed by Law Debenture Trust Company at docket number
23 11017. My understanding is that they are not present in Court
24 today and intending to pursue that objection, but I need to
25 confirm that here on the record this morning.

1 THE COURT: Okay. I'm sorry; they're the indentured
2 trustee for the TOPrs?

3 MR. BUTLER: TOPrs, yes.

4 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Well, no one is
5 standing up; I take it that they're not pursuing their
6 objection.

7 MR. BUTLER: I think, Your Honor, what that boils
8 down to -- I should also address the ad hoc trade committee
9 objection at docket number 11049. Similarly based on the
10 settlement that was announced on the record yesterday, I
11 understand the ad hoc trade committee is not here to pursue
12 that objection.

13 THE COURT: Okay. That, I think, Your Honor, brings
14 us back to the same -- with one addition, the basic same
15 players we had with respect to the EPCA. There are objections
16 filed by Wilmington Trust, at docket number 10810. And again,
17 at docket number 11048. And there are objections filed -- a
18 series of objections filed by the ad hoc -- I call them
19 bondholders group or committee, the composition of which seems
20 to swing from time to time and even from objection to objection
21 in terms of which parties are joining in. But those -- their
22 were, I think three objections filed one, at docket 10803, one
23 at docket 11005, and then there was a third supplemental
24 objection that was filed in connection on December 5th, came in
25 and we reviewed it, and we'll talk more about it, we may

1 actually move to strike under the sense there's not a single
2 thing raised in that objection that's based on anything that
3 was filed supplementally. It seemed to be filed in order to --
4 from the debtors' perspective bootstrap Everest Capital Limited
5 and Northeast Investors Trust into the group of objectors.
6 Because there's nothing -- in fact, they basically concede in
7 paragraph 2 of the objection that none of the issues are
8 addressed by the most recent amendments to the disclosure
9 statement. So they're still unhappy, and I understand that,
10 but I don't think there's anything new in that third
11 supplemental objection.

12 So we've got the ad hoc, bondholders group,
13 Wilmington Trust, and there was -- there were two objection,
14 protective objections filed by the lead plaintiffs at docket
15 number 10794, and at dockets 11022. I think we've addressed
16 substantially all of their issues. I don't know whether Mr.
17 Etkins intends to pursue anything further at this hearing but
18 he's I think here in the courtroom today.

19 MR. ETKINS: Your Honor, just a couple of issues
20 remain outstand.

21 THE COURT: Okay. And you're reserving your rights in
22 case someone wants to change what you've agreed to.

23 MR. ETKINS: I'm sorry?

24 THE COURT: Like Mr. Rosenberg and the equity
25 committee, you're reserving your rights to talk if someone

1 proposes changing language that you've agreed to.

2 MR. ETKINS: Oh, surely, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Okay.

4 MR. ETKINS: There's just a couple of issues that
5 remain outstanding and we have not been able come to agreement.

6 THE COURT: All right.

7 MR. BUTLER: And, Your Honor, in addition to the
8 people who are regularly before you, I'd like to introduce the
9 Court to Gordon H. Stuart. Mr. Stuart one of our colleagues
10 who has been the principal draft person of the Plan and
11 disclosure statement and is, you know, responsible -- I know
12 there are things people want to work on today, really I think
13 he's done a really good job of -- in a very difficult
14 situation. He's here at counsels table and we're going to ask
15 him to sort of be the principal scribe of trying to take down
16 Your Honor's directions and of other people's so we can turn
17 this.

18 I will point out hopefully that we can resolve
19 matters today, in order to be able to maintain an emergence
20 timeline that would allow us to actually emerge in the middle
21 of the first quarter of 2008, we're shooting for the -- Your
22 Honor, if I should comment, you asked us to file a timeline, we
23 did file a timeline with dates and times on it, and we'll talk
24 about those in particular, but we're shooting to emerge, if we
25 can, towards the end of February, prior to the PBGC waivers

1 expiring. Although, we've publicly stated that our goal is to
2 emerge by the end of the first quarter. In order to do that we
3 need to commence solicitation the week of December 15th, and in
4 fact, very close to December 15th. And in order to accomplish
5 that we will need to ask Your Honor to consider entering
6 disclosure statement approval order sort of not later than
7 Monday, which means we're assuming that we're going to get a
8 number of instructions today which we'll have to process over
9 the weekend and submit a package back to the Court which
10 we'll work over the weekend to do. But our goal, if the
11 Court's inclined to -- inclined towards that time, our goal
12 would be to actually have an order entered in -- as early in
13 the day on Monday as the Court is reasonably prepared to
14 consider it, in order to get things to printers and the other
15 folks who have to help us. I do have a specimen with me. You
16 know, we're nothing if not optimistic, as debtors-in-
17 possession. We are as you know in our solicitation motion
18 going to use some technology in trying to cut the cost of
19 solicitation here, so I have a -- I actually have the proof of
20 the CD rom in which all these materials hopefully we'll be able
21 to go as its distributed out. The solicitation package will go
22 out to -- as Your Honor, has observed, many hundreds of
23 thousands of people, as we move forward to solicit under this
24 proposed disclosure statement and Plan.

25 Your Honor, that's just a backdrop of where we are in

1 terms of presenting it. I think I would like to briefly
2 introduce, if we can, the exhibits, which I think there are no
3 objections. The disclosure statement has the record before it.
4 There is no testimony today in connection with this. There are
5 both -- there are primarily legal objections and then requests
6 to, I think, more or less -- I just need to get Your Honor's
7 comments, which we anticipate from a prior history. But also
8 as typically in these matters the Court acts in some respects
9 as a referee on these last groups of comments that we need to
10 work through. The evidentiary record here in terms of these
11 exhibits is really just a paper. We want to make sure that the
12 disclosure statement has in place.

13 Your Honor's previously admitted Exhibits 1 through
14 20, which mostly were primarily related to notice. And there
15 are a total set of exhibits here of, I believe, a total of
16 eighty-one exhibits. The first twenty were previously
17 admitted. And those were four volumes of exhibits dealing with
18 notice of over 550,000 parties. And then we have the remaining
19 exhibits, primarily are scheduling orders, proposed amendments
20 to the Plan that have been filed, affidavits; notices of
21 service with respect to those matters, and the various
22 objections and motions and drafting that the company has done.
23 So I think there is no -- my understanding is there's no
24 objection to admission of Exhibits 1 through 81 in connection
25 with this hearing.

1 THE COURT: Okay.

2 MR. BUTLER: This just creates the record.

3 THE COURT: Well, except for the affidavits of
4 service, it's basically matters of record anyway, but this puts
5 it in one record for this particular motion. So that's fine.
6 They'll be admitted.

7 (Debtors' Exhibits 1 through 81, various documents relating to
8 this hearing, were hereby received into evidence, as of this
9 date.)

10 MR. BUTLER: In terms of proceeding with the hearing,
11 Your Honor, I'd just ask the Court how you would like to
12 proceed. There are -- I think the parties that have specific
13 requests, both legal and drafting. And I did, by the way, I
14 apologize to counsel for Highland Capital that wasn't on my
15 list. Highland Capital also filed an objection for this --
16 with respect to this matter. And they have a proposed language
17 they want to add to the disclosure statement that the debtors
18 do not support.

19 THE COURT: Okay.

20 MR. BUTLER: So we'll have to deal with that issue.
21 And I apologize for not having mentioned their name as well.

22 THE COURT: Well, I think probably what's most
23 efficient is for me to give you my comments, which are just
24 that, my comments. And they are somewhat informed by the
25 objections, but not entirely. And I know that in a couple of

1 places there will be the need to discuss a so-called plan
2 objection and that's really dealing with the Plan's treatment
3 of the senior debt and the TOPRS. And what I'm going to ask
4 the parties on that point to do is listen to my comments and
5 then don't jump in immediately because there are some comments
6 up front that arguably you might want to jump in on this point.
7 But rather, there's a specific point where the disclosure
8 statement talks about confirmation -- particular confirmation
9 objections and I just think that's the best point to address
10 the issue. And I appreciate its not a disclosure issue as much
11 as a plan issue and I'm going to treat it that way. So let me
12 just go through my comments.

13 As I always do with disclosure statements I have some
14 comments that are just -- it's not worth spending the time to
15 talk about. I mean, for example, you say that on page Roman
16 numerical IV of the Plan, the Bankruptcy Code allows the debtor
17 to sponsor a plan of reorganization, and I just changed that to
18 propose, because I think that's clearer to people. But if
19 there are things like that I'm not going to -- I'm just going
20 to give you my mark-up on that.

21 MR. BUTLER: Terrific, Your Honor, okay.

22 THE COURT: Okay. Most of my comments are in the
23 summary, and that reflects my experience that that's what
24 people read. And so I'm going to go through that with you all,
25 and again, I'll give you the market.

1 If you go to Roman numeral IX, page DS Roman numeral
2 IX, and I'm working off the blackline, or actually the
3 bluelined version from December 6th. Okay. If you look in G,
4 events impacting reorganization, the second sentence there
5 says -- the third sentence, excuse me, it says, "Although the
6 currency received by certain stakeholders has changed since the
7 debtors initially filed the September 6th plan." And then I
8 have added here, "in light of the debtors' inability to borrow
9 as much as exit financing as they had originally intended," and
10 then it continues. "The Plan continues to provide for full
11 recoveries for unsecured creditors at" and then I've added "a
12 negotiated" and then it goes on "Plan" and I put in the word
13 "enterprise value" "in fair consideration for holders of
14 existing common stock and is supported by GM, the plan
15 investors and," and here, again, since I think a lot of people
16 just read the summary I've deleted the phrase "statutory
17 committees" and put in "both the official creditors' committee
18 and the official equity committee" which you also have as
19 defined terms.

20 What I suggest for those who have objections is after
21 I go through all this you can come back and say how you think
22 this doesn't work, and that goes for the debtors too.

23 If you go to 13, it says, "Certain creditors and
24 stakeholders do not agree with the debtors' assessment of event
25 risks."

1 MR. BUTLER: I'm sorry, 13?

2 THE COURT: I'm sorry, Roman numeral XIII, excuse me.

3 MR. BUTLER: Right. And our page number pagination
4 is slightly off here, I think, of the summary.

5 THE COURT: Well, this is right above H, summary of
6 first amended plan.

7 MR. BUTLER: Yes, thank you.

8 THE COURT: Okay. So it says "certain creditors and
9 stakeholders do not agree with" and I've said "certain
10 creditors and stakeholders have stated that they do not agree
11 with." And then the next sentence says "the debtors however
12 believe that each event described above could have a
13 significant impact on the debtors' ability to successfully
14 reorganize." And then I've added "if the Plan is not accepted
15 and confirmed." So it says here "could impact on the debtors'
16 ability to successfully reorganize if the Plan is not accepted
17 and confirmed. And that the absence of acceptance and
18 confirmation would at a minimum create substantial uncertainty
19 about the direction of the debtors' reorganization efforts, in
20 addition to materially increasing the cost of the debtors'
21 Chapter 11 cases."

22 Now, I know that there were certain objections as to
23 the event risk timeline. I did not believe that statements
24 regarding the likelihood or lack of likelihood of getting
25 waivers or agreements should be in here. But to the extent

1 something has been superseded by a new agreement, I think you
2 should take out whatever event has now been superseded by a new
3 agreement.

4 MR. BUTLER: We'll present Mr. Fox with a revised
5 event risk timeline. At least just to the boxes I think we're
6 in agreement -- I think we're in agreement on the boxes now.
7 I'm talking about the language.

8 MR. FOX: There might be one or two.

9 THE COURT: All right.

10 MR. FOX: But otherwise I think we're better than
11 before.

12 THE COURT: All right. Okay. Now, I guess the
13 other thing that we should do here is I guess you should put in
14 F on the top of Roman numeral XI, I didn't put this in, but in
15 light of this morning's ruling I think you should put in that
16 the Court has approved the amendment to the EPCA, in the
17 section dealing with plan investor and exit financing.

18 I'm not at all of the view necessarily that there
19 should be some footnote here about Highland.

20 MR. BUTLER: All right.

21 THE COURT: You have a lengthier discussion later
22 about the EPCA.

23 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

24 THE COURT: Then you should update that in light of
25 today's ruling.

1 MR. BUTLER: We'll do that.

2 THE COURT: I think you should say there that the
3 debtor, under appropriate circumstances, will continue to
4 consider alternatives from third parties. And as received an
5 expression of interest from Highland Capital.

6 MR. BUTLER: In fact, Your Honor, the debtors haven't
7 received it the creditors' committee has receives something.

8 THE COURT: I would not that then. Just that it's
9 been made.

10 MR. BUTLER: Right.

11 THE COURT: I thought about putting it here but given
12 that it's still an expression of interest in that state I --
13 the most you put in here, if you're going to put in anything
14 was that the debtor nevertheless is prepared to consider other
15 alternatives. But I think its more appropriate in a lengthier
16 discussion of the ECPA that appears later. So I don't think it
17 would be the update here.

18 All right. On page Roman numeral XIV, that first
19 full paragraph says "the Plan is the culmination of Delphi's
20 transformation plan, within the Chapter 11 context. Delphi has
21 determined that it has achieved those aspects of it's
22 transformation plan for which the Chapter 11 reorganization
23 process was necessary." And then I would add this phrase, "in
24 that it is now time to emerge from Chapter 11 to fully
25 implement it."

1 Then if you go to the next paragraph before the last
2 sentence of that paragraph. The prior sentence ends with a
3 "par plus accrued recovery at plan value." You see that?

4 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

5 THE COURT: I have put in this language and I have
6 added language about the importance of a vote in a number of
7 place, because I believe that the vote is important here as a
8 legal matter on some of the issues that the Plan resolves. And
9 I want to make sure people know that. So I've added this
10 language. "As discussed below, this Plan value, was negotiated
11 to enable the various settlements upon which the Plan is based.
12 People may differ about the exact valuation of an enterprise
13 like the debtors. The debtors believe that the negotiated Plan
14 value is a reasonable basis for the Plan and the settlements
15 embodied in it. Although the Plan was negotiated with the
16 statutory committees, GM and other parties, your vote on it is
17 extremely important. Your vote will help to determine whether
18 the Court confirms and approves the Plan and the settlements in
19 it, including the following: Involving certain subordinated
20 bonds, GM, and multi-district securities litigation." And then
21 you pick up, and you might want to insert a new paragraph here,
22 because this starts about the TOPrS. And it says "in
23 satisfaction of the subordination provisions." I would say "in
24 recognition of and to satisfy the subordination provisions."

25 And then if you go to the next page 15, Roman numeral

1 XV, under the heading number 2, valuation. The third line you
2 have a quote "par plus accrued" recovery. I would just use the
3 same phrase you've been using which is "par plus accrued
4 recovery of plan value."

5 MR. BUTLER: Your Honor, I know you don't want to
6 hear comments back, but just to say, on that particular phrase
7 would it make sense then for us to word search the document and
8 use that phrase globally?

9 THE COURT: Well, I think you use it -- well, maybe
10 you don't.

11 MR. BUTLER: I can double check it.

12 THE COURT: Yeah, that's fine. On the next page
13 Roman XVI, the carryover paragraph that ends with the phrase
14 "estimated total enterprise value," I know you say this in a
15 couple of places but I think it's important to emphasize. I'd
16 add this sentence, "The actual common trading value of the
17 shares of the reorganized debtors may be higher or lower than
18 the 5961 plan equity value."

19 THE COURT: I have not put in here anything more than
20 what you have in this chart, which has a percentage recovery
21 based on Rothschild's valuation. I think that's sufficient.
22 But I just don't -- I don't think I missed anything on that.
23 But I do have a point later about these percentages.

24 And then on XVII, again, I put in here again, where
25 you state "certain creditors believed that the plan equity

1 value may be" I just put "have stated that they believe." Just
2 that sort of a consistent change. And you'll see that in the
3 mark-up.

4 Okay. If you go to the next page Roman XVIII, under
5 the heading rights offering. The third sentence after the
6 dollar figure I've added -- and I think this should be put in
7 bold. "This right constitutes a substantial percentage of the
8 potential recovery by such creditors under the Plan, but it is
9 realizable only if properly exercised or sold." Again, we're
10 talking about the discount rights here. And then the next
11 paragraph that talks about that in more detail I think also
12 should be put in bold. "Please note that" --

13 MR. BUTLER: That entire paragraph?

14 THE COURT: Yeah. And then before the last sentence
15 of that paragraph I would add "even if you don't have the cash
16 to exercise your discount rights you may be able to sell them.
17 The actual sale price may be higher or lower than the discount
18 to plan value."

19 And then if you go to the bottom of that page with
20 the paragraph that begins "current stockholders of Delphi may
21 receive but do not desire to exercise may sell their shares,"
22 I'd put that in bold too, that whole paragraph.

23 MR. BUTLER: That whole paragraph?

24 THE COURT: Yeah. Okay. On the next page Roman IXX,
25 I hate to waste time on this but it's not a big point I guess.

1 At the beginning it says "although the debtors need only
2 establish that the stakeholders will receive at least as much
3 as under," I'd say after the word establish "under Section
4 1129(a)(7) of the Bankruptcy Code." You'll probably have to,
5 you will have to establish other things besides that.

6 Now, in each of the list of confirmation -- potential
7 confirmation objections on this page I've substituted for the
8 word "believe," where it says "certain creditors believe" I've
9 put in the word "claim."

10 Now, I guess this is the part where I thought we
11 would talk about the classification and 1123(a)(4) issue on the
12 TOPrS. Before we get to that, though, I want to alert you to
13 an issue that I have previously flagged in disclosure
14 statements. And I generally, as you can tell, believe that
15 most Plan issues should be reserved for a vote. Because people
16 have the ability to amend their rights as a class. But I am
17 generally uncomfortable with that Plan provision that creates a
18 disputed claims reserve which can be interest earning, that
19 doesn't provide interest ultimately actually earned in that
20 reserve to the claimant if their claim is allowed. I just
21 have -- I've always had a problem with that.

22 MR. BUTLER: I'm just trying to understand the issue.
23 The disputed claim reserve earned interest, you'd expect the
24 interest to go to the claimant. I understand that.

25 THE COURT: On a pro rata basis.

1 MR. BUTLER: But in this case the disputed claim
2 reserve is going to have equity in it. I think. I don't --

3 THE COURT: Well --

4 MR. BUTLER: I don't think there's any cash in the
5 reserve.

6 THE COURT: But is there any fluctuation of that or
7 you just get the equity you're entitled to?

8 MR. BUTLER: No. The equity that's associated with
9 that, we're not marking the -- all of the shares have been
10 determined -- I mean, what --

11 THE COURT: No one's going to be selling the equity.

12 MR. BUTLER: Right.

13 THE COURT: It's just going to stay as equity.

14 MR. BUTLER: Exactly, Your Honor. You see, what's
15 going to happen is once we run the rights offering, in the
16 period between the rights -- there will be confirmation. Once
17 we run the rights offering there has to be a summon up
18 involving the committees and the plan investors. We have to
19 make sure we got all the share counts correct. And as we set
20 the -- what goes in at what place at closing. But that's
21 why -- that's why the Plan investors have taken great effort
22 and the company has working with the committees to express
23 things in share counts, because the share count issue is
24 relevant.

25 THE COURT: Okay. Maybe you should say that then,

1 "Here disputed unsecured claims will be receiving the equity
2 that they would be entitled to."

3 MR. BUTLER: All right.

4 THE COURT: On this point. Okay. Now, let's focus
5 on the TOPrS for a second. I read the parties' submissions on
6 the classification in 1129(a)(4) points, although they mostly
7 focus on classification. And actually this goes back to a
8 question that I posed to Mr. Lauria yesterday. And maybe I
9 have the answer for it. As I read the disclosure statement,
10 the disclosure statement in all caps at one point reserves the
11 right to move people to other classes and -- notwithstanding
12 their vote, their counted in the class that their ultimately
13 allowed in. I'm not focusing now on the treatment of the
14 TOPrS' claims, that's an issue that people can vote on as I
15 said this morning, but rather whether any particular one
16 creditor, for whatever reason, wants to object to the Plan,
17 could defeat the Plan by contending that it violates 1122's
18 classification scheme or 1123(a)(4). I believe, generally,
19 that -- and I think Colliers takes this view, and certainly
20 cases that the debtors have cited take this view, that you can,
21 under the right circumstances, classify sub-debt and other
22 unsecured claims together. However, there is a concern, which
23 Colliers expresses, and it's a legitimate concern that the vote
24 of the sub-debt holders shouldn't be able to carry the class,
25 since it's the votes of the seniors waving the subordination or

1 waving it to the extent that its not satisfied, that really
2 carries the day. So it seemed to me, but I want to -- this is
3 important, to know that when you get the votes you can
4 segregate out who the TOPrS are and who the other are.

5 MR. BUTLER: Your Honor, actually on that point, I
6 think I mentioned this to Mr. Brilliant earlier, we're actually
7 tabulating -- or maybe to Mr. Rosenberg, someone I spoke to
8 before the hearing. We're actually tabulating -- we'll have
9 the ability to tabulate all of the people who vote by the kind
10 of claim they have. That's also going to be true, I'm told, I
11 will double check, you'll correct me if I'm wrong, but I think
12 we're also able to do that by the debtor against which they
13 have filed the claims. So that we will have available --

14 THE COURT: That anticipated another question I was
15 going to --

16 MR. BUTLER: From a data set perspective we will have
17 available to us the ability to slice and dice the data and the
18 voting report and preserve the issues that may be objected to
19 at the confirmation -- before the confirmation hearing with the
20 debtors obviously full reservation of rights of saying we think
21 we've done it right and we want to be able to prove that, but
22 we will have all that data.

23 THE COURT: Now, it seems to me there is a remaining
24 concern that the fact that they are in one class I guess
25 arguably would somehow disillusion the seniors from voting

1 because they feel that maybe they might be outvoted. But I can
2 tell you one of the reasons that I placed, in a number of
3 places, including in the section that discusses the TOPrS, that
4 your vote is important, is to emphasize to people that their
5 vote is important and that they really need to vote. So I'm
6 not talking about the 1123(a)(4) issue yet.

7 MR. BUTLER: Okay.

8 THE COURT: I'm just talking about the 1122
9 classification issue.

10 MR. BRILLIANT: Your Honor, I think they see it as
11 three different, you know, issues that are all combined. It's
12 a 510(a) issue on the intercreditor as well as the --

13 THE COURT: But that one I -- that's not -- that's
14 something that people really can't vote against. I mean, they
15 can change their treatment under the Plan.

16 MR. BRILLIANT: They can vote to change their
17 treatment. But in order to vote to change your treatment you'd
18 have to be in the right class to do that. So I see that three
19 issues -- you know, inter-delineated here, the 1123(a)(4) issue
20 with respect to the treatment of the TOPrS, the classification
21 claim, and the 510 issue, they're all tied up in my mind in
22 putting people in the right class so that the debtors can
23 accomplish, assuming they get the affirmative vote, what they
24 want to accomplish, which is to get the seniors to waive the
25 subordination --

1 THE COURT: Well, let's just say that the debtors get
2 a vote since they can keep track, and intend to keep track, of
3 each vote by terms of the security owned or the claim, in case
4 of trade claims. And it's a class vote where not only do a
5 requisite percentage of the TOPrS vote in favor but also a
6 record percentage of everybody else. It seems to me, at that
7 point, to be a moot issue.

8 MR. BRILLIANT: Your Honor, it may very well be, but
9 I think the issue is an issue of disclosure. Which, at this
10 point in time, which is somebody who -- a senior creditor needs
11 to be told how he -- how can --

12 THE COURT: Oh, I understand.

13 MR. BRILLIANT: -- possibly waive his seniority.

14 THE COURT: And we haven't gotten to it yet, but I
15 have a lot of language on that point. That your vote is
16 important because if seniors don't waive these rights you may
17 have done something one way or another that will affect your
18 treatment.

19 MR. BRILLIANT: I think that's the important thing,
20 Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: All right.

22 MR. BRILLIANT: And I don't know where you're going
23 and if Your Honor wants I'd be happy to wait. But --

24 THE COURT: Yeah, wait for the language then. It
25 just seems to me that with that language, if in fact, it does

1 become an issue, if in fact the senior portion of this class
2 votes no, and the junior portion of it votes yes, or would
3 carry the class, then I think that one solution would be to
4 simply put them -- the seniors, recognizing that they voted no.
5 And your rights are preserved to say they voted no.

6 MR. BRILLIANT: Your Honor, I don't know where you're
7 coming from on this, and I'm happy to wait, I do know what
8 Collier says and I have read the cases the debtors cited and I
9 don't believe that in a context of waiving seniority that --
10 you know, that those cases are applicable, you know, in a
11 classification. And, you know, I do think that it would be --

12 THE COURT: Okay. We'll disagree about that one
13 but --

14 MR. BRILLIANT: Well, maybe that we do, Your Honor,
15 but --

16 THE COURT: Okay.

17 MR. BRILLIANT: -- you know, at some point I would
18 like to be heard on the legal issues whenever it is that Your
19 Honor thinks it appropriate.

20 THE COURT: Well, but it's not a legal issue. I
21 mean, that's why I'm raising it now. It seems to me if you
22 can -- if you know who's voting then the debtor can either fix
23 it or not, if you're right.

24 MR. BRILLIANT: Then I think we do get to an issue,
25 and again, it may be that the language you're going to add is

1 going to --

2 THE COURT: Well, yeah. No, I understand that's
3 important. You've got to make people know that their votes
4 important and why.

5 MR. BRILLIANT: And how their votes are going to be
6 counted and how the debtors are going to consider their votes.
7 and if they don't like the Plan how it will be considered
8 and --

9 THE COURT: Okay.

10 MR. BRILLIANT: -- and how the Plan can be confirmed
11 over their vote. All that needs to be disclosed.

12 THE COURT: Well, we'll get to that language but I
13 understand that. The other issue I want to raise is the
14 1123(a)(4) issues, which is the different treatment issue.

15 It seems to me that as a technical matter someone
16 would have a pretty good objection, as a technical matter, to
17 this Plan. And even if the class -- the senior class -- the
18 senior group of this class voted yes, an individual creditor
19 could argue pretty cogently that the treatment under this Plan
20 is not simply implementing the subordination rights. On the
21 other hand -- and therefore would be different treatment. If
22 it was simply implementing the subordination rights, you could
23 say this class gets what they're entitled to get as an
24 unsecured creditor and then we are effectuating, as a
25 mechanical matter, the subordination. But I don't think this

1 really does that because you're not -- you're specifying a
2 certain specific recovery as opposed --

3 MR. BUTLER: I'm sorry, specific what?

4 THE COURT: Recovery for the TOPrS. Wait, let me
5 finish. Ultimately, it seems to me, however, to be an academic
6 issue. Because it seems to me that if someone does object on
7 that basis just to be a pain in the neck then you move it --
8 the same treatment, but you create a new class under 1127. And
9 it seems to me to be a non-material modification. All you're
10 doing is rectifying the different treatment by putting them in
11 a different class. The different treatment point.

12 MR. BUTLER: Two comments. That's one of the reasons
13 we retained the right that you talked about in terms of making
14 those adjustments and disclosing it in the Plan. Second of
15 all, the fact is, and one of the things we'll deal with at
16 confirmation which is why I really want to lineate Mr.
17 Brilliant's issues at confirmation not here after we know how
18 the votes go, among other things, and that is that, you know,
19 there are two or three different bases in which the company
20 will approach confirmation of this Plan. The leading one is
21 going to the fact that this is a settlement case. And the fact
22 of the matter is that their was -- the company's view is that
23 there was a negotiated amount of value, negotiated by the
24 creditors' committee, that basically said senior creditors were
25 going to get par plus accrued at a negotiated plan value. And

1 that we were going to put enough in that class, allocate enough
2 value to that class, that there's a certain amount of value
3 that went to that class, it was enough to pay -- it was enough
4 to pay par plus accrued of plan value to the senior creditors
5 and the residual value that went to that class went to the
6 TOPrs. It turns out that that residual value is ninety percent
7 of par --

8 THE COURT: No, I know. You're reserving your right
9 to do a -- the satisfied in full analysis --

10 MR. BUTLER: Satisfied in full analysis of the value.

11 THE COURT: -- not in planned value in true, you
12 know, investment banker testimony value. But I did want to get
13 on the record my believe that it seemed to me that it was not
14 unduly risky to go out with such an approach. Because at the
15 end of the day there's, as mechanical matter, you have the
16 ability and you told people under the Plan, this could happen.
17 You can simply create a new class and give them exactly the
18 same treatment. And therefore, you'd get around the disparate
19 treatment.

20 MR. BUTLER: Correct. Which we've disclosed.

21 THE COURT: Okay. We'll get to the description of
22 why your votes important later on when we're talking about the
23 TOPrs.

24 MR. FOX: Your Honor, the point about them both being
25 important, it may be useful ideally from my perspective, that

1 subclasses would be better than the single class for the idea
2 of moving them later. But putting that aside, if it -- on the
3 perception issue and the issue you're talking about, it would
4 probably be helpful to indicate how the votes will be
5 recorded --

6 THE COURT: Yeah, I agree.

7 MR. FOX: -- as well. So that not only saying your
8 votes important but that the Court will be told --

9 THE COURT: I agree.

10 MR. FOX: -- how the seniors and how the subs are.

11 THE COURT: All right. And then again, that's in the
12 later discussion on the TOPrs.

13 MR. LAURIA: Your Honor -- by the way, Tom Lauria for
14 Appaloosa. If it's helpful, this is not an issue that we would
15 assert it is a breach of the EPCA --

16 THE COURT: Okay.

17 MR. LAURIE: -- because it's in the Plan we already
18 agreed to.

19 THE COURT: Right. And I should have known that
20 because I've just been reading it but I forgot about it. So
21 you're right. Okay. In fact, there's an intro discussion, at
22 this point, on the next page.

23 MR. FOX: Which page is that?

24 THE COURT: Roman numeral XX. Okay. I would add a
25 bullet to the -- at the end of -- or not a new bullet just a

1 new paragraph, at the end of this list of bullet points on Plan
2 objections. And it would say, "the merit of such objections to
3 the Plan's confirmation may depend on the vote on the Plan.
4 For example, as discussed in more detail below, a senior class
5 may vote under the Bankruptcy Code to permit a distribution to
6 a junior class or a group of creditors, even if the senior
7 class is not necessarily paid in full. A senior class may do
8 this, for example, believing that such a compromise is
9 preferable to a litigation alternative or further delay or to
10 preserve a settlement, such as the GM settlement. Thus, your
11 vote on the Plan, and it's proposed compromises, is important.
12 The Court will be apprised of the vote of creditors senior to
13 the TOPrS, for example."

14 MR. BUTLER: And, Your Honor, just note, I was hoping
15 you were actually reading that, because we couldn't get it all
16 down, that there's a -- there will be a rider that we'll be
17 able to get from you on that.

18 THE COURT: Although, my writing kind of sounds like
19 I just said it. It looks like I just said it, excuse me.
20 Okay.

21 Going to page 23. In the new language that was added
22 on the TOPrS, in the second line of that, where there's a
23 parenthetical that says "except for holders of TOPrS claims
24 who," and I would add "in satisfaction of their contractual
25 subordination," and then continue on. And then I have two

1 notes here. The first one appears in the summaries each time
2 you make a reference to the discount rights offering on these
3 summary pages that go on for the next two or three pages. And
4 it says, "see page blank or section blank," whichever is easier
5 for you to do, "for the need to act promptly to take advantage
6 of the discount rights." And then I believe you also should --
7 well, this is the question I have, I think it comes up here
8 first, yeah. This was raised by some of the objections. The
9 estimated percentage recovery here is a hundred percent, and
10 it's clear that it's on the Plan value. I guess the question
11 is is this on a fully diluted basis, does this take into
12 account the reserve for the management -- you know, is it on a
13 fully diluted basis? I guess that's my question.

14 MR. BUTLER: The answer I believe and I'll ask Ms.
15 Shaw, this does not include the eight percent of management
16 comp which is --

17 THE COURT: Which is across the board, it dilutes
18 everyone.

19 MR. BUTLER: It's across everyone and it's going out
20 over time. That --

21 THE COURT: Okay.

22 MR. BUTLER: -- whole package isn't being awarded in
23 emergence.

24 THE COURT: Well, I think you should -- you can make
25 a note to that affect that that -- that it doesn't include that

1 which is across the board on all equity, including the Plan
2 investors, and is allocable over time by the board.

3 MR. BUTLER: Where do you want me to put that. I
4 don't want to put in everyone of these boxes. I mean, is
5 that --

6 THE COURT: Yeah. I would put it in the discussion,
7 the fuller discussion of the unsecured's treatment when we get
8 to that. And then my note to myself was whether there should,
9 however, be a note here on the variation on recovery based on
10 exceeding the allowed claims threshold, which some of the
11 objections go to. My inclination is that that should be here,
12 particularly since you have a reference to estimated amount of
13 allowed claims.

14 MR. BUTLER: We can --

15 THE COURT: Just a footnote, saying the Plan
16 investment agreement provides that if the estimated allowed
17 claims are in excess --

18 MR. BUTLER: You're talking about the anti-dilution
19 provision in the EPCA?

20 THE COURT: Yes, the anti-dilution, yeah.

21 MR. BUTLER: Got it. We can do that.

22 MR. FOX: Your Honor, can I just raise a question
23 about the dilution question that you raised? I think the
24 question about the dilution in part is whether the outstanding
25 shares, which are in the chart on page 16, are net of the stock

1 being held out or not. In other words, if the stock is being
2 satisfied today there's actually -- we're talking about a
3 finite amount then the percentage that may be doled out later
4 as being set aside now. Or -- I mean, it's treasury shares, I
5 understand, but still I think that may make some difference.
6 That was part of the confusion.

7 MR. BUTLER: Can I have a moment, Your Honor?

8 THE COURT: Okay.

9 MR. BUTLER: Your Honor, two points in this. One,
10 the numbers come down from ten percent to eight percent, as
11 part of the negotiations, we didn't say much about it in the
12 EPCA hearing, but the numbers come down. Number two, what is
13 normally done in these situations is it consists of authorized
14 -- we calculate it on the authorized but not issued --

15 THE COURT: Right.

16 MR. BUTLER: -- section of the stock. There will be
17 presumably at confirmation, or shortly -- or at -- and affected
18 shortly thereafter certain equity awards that will be issued to
19 management if the Plan's approved and we get to the
20 confirmation on all those matters. That's something south
21 of -- I think south of three percent, we haven't done --
22 finished the calculation yet and it depends on what happens at
23 the hearings. But that -- that -- and, you know, so we're
24 talking about I think a relatively de minimis amount.

25 THE COURT: I don't think that's what Mr. Fox is

1 going. I think he wants to make sure that you haven't
2 allocated in the Plan a specific number of shares to go to the
3 unsecured creditors, right? It's a percentage?

4 MR. BUTLER: No, it's a share count. At the end of
5 the day -- I mean, he knows it because he's part of the
6 creditors' committee. I mean, all of these have been
7 translated into -- all of these issues have been translated
8 into shares. Because that's been concluded in the EPCA, how
9 many shares they get, there's a share allocation table for
10 everything.

11 MR. FOX: No, the answer on -- that it's outstanding
12 versus authorized resolved my question on that point.

13 THE COURT: All right. Okay.

14 MR. FOX: What -- the other question on this point
15 though, with respect to the range of claims, is whether people
16 can get a hundred percent regardless if you're at one end of
17 the range or the other. So that's a -- that's a different
18 issue but the same question.

19 I mean, if the -- aside from printing more stock,
20 which doesn't provide more value, if the claims come in at 3.2
21 billion that's going to make a difference then if they come in
22 at 3.6 billion. So, there presumably then is a range of
23 recovery unless there's some other explanation.

24 MR. BUTLER: Well, I think --

25 THE COURT: Well, they say later that they're --

1 they're -- they're dollar number is down pretty low at this
2 point. I mean, your range of claims that are in dispute -- is
3 it still this number? Is it still a 430 million dollar number?

4 MR. BUTLER: I don't have the claims folks in here.
5 I think it is accurate.

6 THE COURT: Okay.

7 MR. FOX: If you're -- if you're a hundred percent if
8 the claims are at 3.69 billion then we don't have to have the
9 conversation. Otherwise there is a question there.

10 MR. BUTLER: I think the -- the --

11 THE COURT: I mean is this --

12 MR. BUTLER: First off, I mean, and we disagree on
13 what disclosure we want to make. I make two observations.
14 One, I actually don't think, in fact, but that doesn't mean we
15 don't need to disclose something, in fact we're going to have
16 this cap problem. I think we're going to get in where we
17 needed to be. We're close to that now and we're -- I think we
18 will by the --

19 THE COURT: Well, you could say that in the note too.
20 But I think -- it's out there --

21 MR. BUTLER: Right.

22 THE COURT: -- and you might as well be upfront about
23 it.

24 MR. BUTLER: Do you want to put it in here or
25 someplace else?

1 THE COURT: I'd put a footnote here about it.

2 MR. BUTLER: Okay. All right. So we should add it.

3 THE COURT: And you can say that you believe we're
4 close to already being under the cap or something like that.

5 MR. BUTLER: Okay.

6 THE COURT: If that's what you believe on a good
7 faith basis.

8 MR. BUTLER: So we should -- so what we should do is
9 mention the cap, reference claims administration section --
10 there's a whole section in here talking about claims.

11 THE COURT: Right.

12 MR. BUTLER: So we can reference the claims
13 administration section. I also think we should reference 12.3
14 of the plan -- 12.2(i) and 12.3 of the plan because 12.2(i)
15 has, as a condition of the effective date that it can't be more
16 than 1.45 billion and 12.3(i) has a mechanism on how that can
17 be waived which involves the creditors' committee's
18 participation. So I think if we're going to describe it we
19 should probably describe this.

20 THE COURT: Just have a cross-reference to that.

21 THE COURT: Okay.

22 MR. FOX: I think that --

23 THE COURT: But that -- okay, go ahead.

24 MR. FOX: I think what Mr. Butler is saying, without
25 explicitly saying is that as long as the claims come in under

1 the cap it's a hundred percent -- a hundred percent recovery of
2 plan value. Whether they come in at the low end of this range
3 at 3.2 or at the higher end of 3.6, is that right Mr. Butler?

4 MR. BUTLER: I believe that's correct, yes.

5 THE COURT: Well, maybe that's worth saying too?

6 MR. FOX: Yeah, because otherwise it creates
7 confusion.

8 THE COURT: I mean, I -- I could tell you my -- my --
9 my hypothetical reader for this is my mother who is a very
10 smart woman but she's not a business person and she's not a
11 lawyer and I think she would say well, is it a hundred percent
12 at 3.2 or a hundred percent at 3.6. So, I think you should --
13 that answer is fine.

14 All right. You all are probably thankful that I'm
15 flipping a lot of pages here. All right. There are two
16 related points here and they come up on pages that are quite
17 far apart. On page 71 there's a discussion of the
18 consideration to be received by GM.

19 MR. BUTLER: Were we -- page 71 you said, Your Honor?

20 THE COURT: Right. And this is the in section
21 dealing with the GM settlement.

22 MR. BUTLER: Your Honor, can I -- just for a second,
23 just for clarity on the record. Can I go back to what your
24 prior -- Your Honor's prior comments on -- because -- and Mr.
25 Fox's comments on XVIII -- or no, 23, excuse me, if that's all

1 right with Your Honor, just for a moment.

2 THE COURT: Sure.

3 MR. BUTLER: Because I -- as I understand it -- I was
4 just talking -- consulting with Mr. Shaw from Rothschild and I
5 think the point that Mr. Fox makes is a good one and we need to
6 figure out how exactly to do this. The reality is that the par
7 plus accrued is at -- is at 1.465 -- 1.45 billion dollars,
8 right? We've all negotiated that as the cap. That's the basis
9 on which you get par plus accrued.

10 THE COURT: Right.

11 MR. BUTLER: And there's a range expressed in here
12 simply because it's the current range.

13 THE COURT: Right.

14 MR. BUTLER: And those two concepts are probably
15 inconsistent with each other.

16 THE COURT: Well, but I think if you have the --
17 the -- I think it's okay to give the range of claims --

18 MR. BUTLER: Okay.

19 THE COURT: But if you have the footnote explaining
20 the cap and then you say that the debtors are, you know,
21 whatever you want to say confident or reasonably confident
22 based on the claims process to date, that the cap will not be
23 exceeded, if that is the case. Then it would be a hundred
24 percent recovery. I think that's fine.

25 MR. BUTLER: All right.

1 THE COURT: The implication then is if, for some
2 reason, it's not exceeded -- I mean, you're estimating a
3 hundred percent recovery and that's fair because that's your
4 belief. But if it's exceeded for some reason it won't be a
5 hundred percent.

6 MR. BUTLER: Right.

7 THE COURT: So I think that's fine. Okay. I had
8 only one comment on the GM settlement discussion and -- and
9 frankly I felt that it laid out for the voting parties, other
10 than this comment, the information they would need at great
11 length and clearly. My comment is that in addition to the
12 consideration to be received by GM in the settlement agreement
13 itself, I think an important element of the settlement, and
14 that's why it's, I think, in the plan. And the folks at Weil
15 have been candid about this, is that not only is it so
16 significant that it's worth putting in the plan -- it should be
17 in the plan. But also the plan provides for a release that
18 people are -- are voting on. And I think you should have, and
19 maybe this is -- it probably is probably on seventy-one, in a
20 different paragraph on the consideration to be received by GM,
21 that even though it's not in the settlement except as the
22 settlement contemplates a plan with releases, as part of the
23 settlement under this plan GM is being released by creditors.

24 MR. BUTLER: Your Honor, we certainly -- it's not
25 just creditors it's everybody. And we should probably --

1 again, clearly state that it's in another section and we'll do
2 that. In fact, I mean, to your point, Your Honor, there is and
3 maybe this is the appropriate place to say or maybe it's
4 somewhere we should say this, we tried to say it clearly but
5 maybe say it more clearly. You know, GM is really bargained
6 for three major things here. I mean, they have bargained for
7 the direct net consideration they're getting, which is less
8 then they thought it was going to be but that net
9 consideration. They have bargained for a plan formulation that
10 is this plan, including the releases and they would say, as
11 they have said before, and peace. Meaning they want peace,
12 which includes everybody in place and the releases. And
13 they've also bargained for the debtors' performance obligations
14 under the agreements. I mean, because our performance
15 obligations under the master restructuring agreement is an
16 essential element of the settlement.

17 THE COURT: All right. Well, the reason I was
18 highlighting this, and it goes to Mr. Brilliant's point, is
19 that I think to evaluate the treatment of the MDL group and the
20 TOPrS, among others, one of the things you need to take into
21 account is the release provided for in the plan to GM and
22 that's part of the give and take of the GM settlement, along --
23 obviously with the other factors. But I think people need to
24 know about the importance of their vote in that context. So
25 that's why I'm raising it.

1 And let me turn to the area that -- the first area
2 that, I guess, maybe this is directly relevant which is the
3 description of the MDL settlement and it ends at page 143.
4 This is -- this is the -- I only have a couple places like
5 this. This is -- this is a place where I don't have language
6 for you because I don't -- I don't know the answer.

7 MR. BUTLER: I'm sorry. Where are you again, Your
8 Honor? I'm sorry.

9 THE COURT: At the end of the description of the MDL
10 settlement on page 143, right before the next new heading which
11 is heading number 4 which says maintaining relationships with
12 suppliers.

13 MR. BUTLER: Uh-huh.

14 THE COURT: And what I've written down here is that
15 you -- you should state here that under section 510(b) of the
16 Bankruptcy Code the -- either you accept this as a matter of
17 law or it is contended that -- it's up to you whichever one you
18 want to say, the claims of the plaintiffs in the MDL would be
19 subordinated to the -- to the debt claims or on a par with the
20 common stock claims -- the common stock interests, excuse me.
21 Notwithstanding that the plan provides for the treatment
22 described above and then state the rationale for that. Why is
23 it in the interest of those parties who would be senior to
24 nevertheless vote in favor of a plan that would so provide?

25 This doesn't have to be an essay; I just think you

1 need to lay out the main reasons. One of them that seemed
2 clear to me was the release of GM. It's an element, since
3 these people are creditors and interest holders that GM is
4 bargaining for, as with for anyone else, and that they -- but
5 there may be other reasons, you know. I don't want to presume
6 what they are and I'm sure Mr. Etkin and you can make a list of
7 them.

8 MR. BUTLER: And just so we don't need to -- we don't
9 make it an essay, Your Honor, I'd be comfortable in expressing
10 that whether it's contended at or whatever, that the MDL claims
11 are junior to general unsecured claims. That's a proposition
12 Mr. Rosenberg and I have been talking about and one on which we
13 both agree. It is much fuzzier as to what they are below that
14 class. Because remember there's debt securities claims here,
15 there's a risk --

16 THE COURT: All right. You can make it as a
17 contention, that's fine.

18 THE COURT: There's ERISA, that's all I'm going to --

19 THE COURT: But I do believe that people need to know
20 that by voting in favor of the plan they're resolving that
21 issue. And I think you should tell them that. And accepting
22 that, you know, whatever rights they would have to enforce
23 510(b), those are being dealt with by the treatment provided
24 for the MDL settlement under the plan.

25 MR. ETKIN: Your Honor, obviously I'd like to have

1 some input into that --

2 THE COURT: Well, I'm sure you would.

3 MR. ETKIN: -- language.

4 THE COURT: That's fine.

5 MR. ETKIN: I mean, and Mr. Butler raised an
6 important point. I mean, this class consists of purchasers of
7 senior debt, subordinated debt and stock --

8 THE COURT: Okay.

9 MR. ETKIN: -- and the treatment various under 510(b)
10 breach.

11 THE COURT: That's fine. And -- and to be fair, what
12 you -- what you all should do, after you work out this
13 language, is when you send it to chambers you should e-mail it
14 to the objectors and counsel for the two committees, GM, you
15 know the usual suspects. Not settle it on them but when it's
16 worked out send it. I have, a long time ago, agreed to do a
17 lecture on Monday morning. So I won't focus on this till
18 Monday afternoon anyway. So, you know, if someone thinks that
19 the language that Mr. Butler and Mr. Etkin, perhaps with the
20 input of Mr. Rosenberg, have come up with here, they can --
21 they can let me know, but you get the general idea.

22 MR. BUTLER: And I suspect -- I know Mr. Etkin pretty
23 well and I suspect he'll help me this weekend, and our
24 colleagues this weekend on this point. So I hopefully will get
25 it to you --

1 THE COURT: I'm not telling you to, you know, a puff
2 selling piece. This is -- you know, you've got to be --
3 particularly given the timing on this, which is that people
4 have, you know, half a day to review it, it should be an honest
5 -- you know, a pretty straightforward assessment. And if -- if
6 there's some disagreement then couched in terms of the debtors'
7 belief or whatever.

8 MR. BUTLER: And I think the -- and I think those
9 things are all contained in the motion for approval in any
10 event, so I don't think it's going to be very difficult.

11 THE COURT: All right.

12 MR. BUTLER: I get the point, we'll be happy to make
13 it. And I think the point -- the relevant point, I think, that
14 again is that whatever these claims are, the contention would
15 be that they're junior to the general unsecured claims.

16 THE COURT: And that the --

17 MR. BUTLER: So that I don't think that we have to
18 argue that where they fall below that, they may fall in
19 different places, I'm not sure we have to get into that.

20 THE COURT: And the vote of people who believe that
21 they would, under 510, be senior is a class in favor of the
22 plan would resolve those issues with this treatment. And, you
23 know, I -- I would expect that you would explain to them why
24 you believe that's in their interest to do, in a brief list of
25 bullet points.

1 MR. BUTLER: Will do, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Okay. On page 165,
3 and again this is the -- you're talking about the settlements
4 embodied in the plan and the overall structure of the plan, I
5 would add this language again, your vote on the plan will help
6 to determine whether the settlements contained in the plan are
7 approved by the Court. Thus an interest in -- in sections
8 described below -- I'm sorry -- thus, for example, where
9 creditors have the benefit of the subordination provision, as
10 with the TOPrS, or a statutory right under 510(b), their vote
11 in support of the plan would resolve those rights. And the
12 Court will be, as I said earlier with Mr. Brilliant, the Court
13 will be apprised of the senior -- the senior votes.

14 Okay. And then here you have a small section on the
15 plan investors investment, I guess you should just briefly
16 update that in light of today's hearing. And this is probably
17 where you can put in that brief note where you actually say the
18 debtors are prepared to, nevertheless under appropriate
19 circumstances, consider alternative proposals and are aware of
20 one that had been made recently to the creditors' committee
21 that the committee is currently not pursuing or however you and
22 Mr. Rosenberg want to word that last bit.

23 MR. BUTLER: I'll work out language with Mr.
24 Rosenberg.

25 THE COURT: Okay.

1 MR. BUTLER: I think both -- I think we're concerned
2 is, I think, also just -- with the equity committee, we're
3 prepared to put language in here that certainly emphasizes the
4 fact that all of us have fiduciary duties and we will continue
5 to exercise those duties as we have throughout the case, to
6 consider alternatives.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Unless Highland doesn't want to be
8 identified, and I didn't take that from their objection, I
9 think you should identify them.

10 MS. ELKIN: Your Honor, we submitted some language to
11 the debtor which they're not totally happy with but we can work
12 on it with them.

13 THE COURT: All right. Well, I think, pretty much
14 what I said is sufficient. I don't want the debtors to trip up
15 over or give anyone an argument that they have tripped up over
16 anything in the EPCA.

17 MS. ELKIN: We understand completely.

18 THE COURT: The debtors have to be careful about
19 that. So as long as two points have been made clear, which is
20 that the debtors, under appropriate circumstances, will
21 consider alternative proposals and in fact have -- are aware
22 that one has been made to the creditors' committee by Highland.
23 I think that those are the two points to -- to make.

24 MS. ELKIN: It was not, just for clarification, it
25 was not a Highland proposal.

1 THE COURT: I'm sorry.

2 MS. ELKIN: It was by led by Highland.

3 THE COURT: I'm sorry, I'm using shorthand. However
4 you all describe the makers of your proposal, if you want to
5 say Highland led or a group.

6 MS. ELKIN: That's fine, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Are you prepared to have Highland be
8 identified in the footnote?

9 MS. ELKIN: I don't think Highland needs to be
10 identified. They're just one --

11 THE COURT: All right. Then that's fine.

12 MS. ELKIN: -- one member of -- it's a group of
13 bondholders.

14 THE COURT: Okay. All right.

15 MR. ROSENBERG: And you're on the -- do the fiduciary
16 duty of the committee presumably will be standard. I doubt
17 if --

18 MR. BUTLER: I mean, I think that's the point -- the
19 point that were focused on together, I believe, is that we will
20 review alternatives as fiduciaries and that we'll fulfill our
21 fiduciary responsibilities.

22 THE COURT: That's fine.

23 MR. BUTLER: That's our --

24 THE COURT: That's fine. And identifying that this
25 proposal by a group of bondholders has been made.

1 MR. BUTLER: Right. Yeah, I mean -- what we're
2 uncomfortable about from the debtors' perspective, Your Honor,
3 is that proposal was never made to the debtors.

4 THE COURT: Well, I'm saying it's been -- it has been
5 aired with the committee --

6 MR. BUTLER: Right.

7 THE COURT: -- and you can say what action the
8 committee took on it.

9 MR. BUTLER: Right.

10 THE COURT: That's all you need to say.

11 MR. BUTLER: Because I'm just -- I'm -- you know,
12 lots of people issued lots of proposals.

13 THE COURT: That's all you need -- it has to be
14 accurate, that's all that happened. Okay. Now -- all right.
15 The other point where I have -- I don't have language for you
16 it's just a -- a concept but it's an important one, in your
17 discussion about substantive consolidation and I -- I don't
18 know if this is true. And obviously if it's not true you can't
19 say it. But I believe that, towards the bottom of page 168, in
20 the section that precedes the paragraph that begins as a result
21 of the substantive consolidation described above, so you're in
22 the paragraph that begins, "Taking these and other factors into
23 account, the debtors determine, on balance, the substantive
24 consolidation of the estates," etcetera, etcetera, is
25 appropriate.

1 MR. BUTLER: Uh-huh.

2 THE COURT: If you -- if you go before the last
3 sentence there, and this is -- again, if this is not accurate
4 you can't say it but this is my concern. I would have language
5 something like this, creditors of certain of the propose
6 substantively consolidated debtors, and then you would identify
7 what those debtors were, might contend that their debtor has
8 the financial ability to pay them a higher or more certain
9 recovery then their recovery under the plan. The debtors note,
10 however, that to achieve this result the plan and its funders
11 and investment mechanisms would have to be materially changed.

12 MR. BUTLER: That statement is accurate and it's
13 accurate from the perspective of what holders of claims in the
14 deconsolidated Delphi Corporation estate have informed the
15 debtors. And it is accurate from what the holders of claims
16 against the deconsolidated DASS LLC entity have asserted.

17 THE COURT: All right. So you should identify them.

18 MR. BUTLER: Absolutely.

19 THE COURT: And it seemed to me that you should
20 probably have a cross reference also to the substantive
21 consolidation and liquidation analysis, i.e. the substantive
22 and non-substantive analysis that's -- that's back there.

23 MR. BRILLIANT: Your Honor, you know, I haven't been
24 interjecting on all the points but on this one I would like to
25 be heard. You know, in addition to substantive consolidation

1 has an effect on voting as well. The -- you know, depending on
2 the classification, and it sounds like Your Honor's not
3 intending to change the classification, you now have --

4 THE COURT: Right. I added a section on voting on
5 the next page, on page 169. At the end of that page I'd start
6 a new paragraph. That paragraph that's there at the end of the
7 page talks about substantive consolidation being considered at
8 the confirmation hearing if there's an objection.

9 And then I would add this paragraph; the Court will
10 be apprised of, and may consider, the voting results on a
11 company by company basis or debtor by debtor basis, however you
12 want to do it, as part of such hearing. Thus, again, your vote
13 on the plan is important.

14 MR. BRILLIANT: Your Honor, does it make sense there,
15 also, let people know that failure to object to the substantive
16 consolidation may effect their voting?

17 THE COURT: I don't think so. I mean, you -- I think
18 it's pretty clear, you either object or you don't. I mean,
19 I -- maybe I'm missing your point.

20 MR. BUTLER: Mr. Brilliant, we're not in the process
21 of soliciting objections.

22 MR. BRILLIANT: No, no. But I'm just saying that if
23 you don't -- if you don't object to substantive consolidation
24 then effectively you're potentially, you know, agreeing to have
25 somebody -- let's say for senior -- for my clients, for

1 instance, they're bondholders. They're senior creditors at
2 the --

3 THE COURT: I think people know that. I mean, I
4 just -- I don't think you need to tell people -- that leaves
5 the impression that something else you don't object to, you
6 still have rights in respect of and I just -- I think -- one
7 thing that -- that everyone knows, including my mother, is that
8 if you want to be heard in Bankruptcy Court, if you don't like
9 something and you're willing to take the consequences of doing
10 that you object. So I don't think you need to tell people
11 extra to object.

12 MR. BRILLIANT: Your Honor, could we just -- while
13 we're on this paragraph, there is a point in here. It says,
14 "If no objection to substantive consolidation is timely filed
15 by a holder of an impaired claim." The indentured trustee may
16 or may not fit within that. I mean, it should say party in
17 interest.

18 MR. BUTLER: I don't know that -- I don't know that
19 the -- I mean, that's an issue -- I don't know that that's
20 right, actually.

21 MR. BRILLIANT: Well --I --

22 MR. BUTLER: Just like Mr. Fox, you don't get to vote
23 on the plan either.

24 MR. BRILLIANT: Well, we don't get to vote, that's
25 right.

1 MR. BUTLER: And I don't -- I don't know that you
2 get -- I think your rights at confirmation hearing are
3 different then they are at a --

4 THE COURT: Well, why don't you say if no proper
5 objection is filed and leave out the holder issue?

6 MR. BUTLER: All right.

7 MR. BRILLIANT: Yeah, I don't want people to be
8 misled about what can or can't be done or who would do it.

9 MR. BUTLER: Okay. Got that.

10 THE COURT: So you just strike out by any holder
11 affected by the plan. Okay. All right. And actually this is
12 almost -- this is about it for me.

13 On page 176, and this is in the section dealing with
14 the TOPrS subordination provision. Two comments, first is
15 a -- I guess this is up to the debtors. I would -- I would
16 give them some leeway, particularly in light of the
17 conversation we had earlier about the GM settlement, somewhat
18 along the lines of the discussion on the MDL, to state in
19 greater detail their rationale for having this treatment for
20 the TOPrS as opposed to simply leaving it up to the people
21 getting -- leaving it up to the senior claims going against the
22 TOPrS to enforce their subordination rights. But if you're
23 going to do that, again, you got to be -- you don't have to do
24 it. I don't think you need to but if you're going to do it
25 you've got to be -- it can't be a puff piece. Like with the

1 MDL bullet points, it has to be logical and reasonable and
2 accurate.

3 Whether or not you do that or not, I believe you need
4 to add, at the end of this discussion before the next heading
5 on post-petition interest, please see pages blank or section
6 blank, and this goes back to the summary, for discussion of the
7 negotiated plan value and the fact that the actual, trading
8 value of the distributions to holders of senior debt may be
9 less than (or greater than) plan value. An affirmative vote on
10 the plan, by the holders of senior debt, could constitute
11 acceptance of the plan -- I'm sorry, of the plan's proposed
12 resolution of the TOPrS subordination provisions or provision.

13 MR. BUTLER: Is it could accept or would accept,
14 would constitute?

15 THE COURT: I put could. And then I would add the
16 language that we've been adding, that the Court will be
17 apprised of the votes of the senior -- of the holders of the --
18 well, of the -- I'm sorry -- of the senior debt holders. And
19 as a consequence, your vote is important.

20 MR. BUTLER: And just for the record, Your Honor, our
21 intention here, throughout this, is to talk about the senior
22 unsecured -- you know, the general unsecured creditors, they're
23 senior -- because it's not just the noteholders, just to be
24 clear about that.

25 THE COURT: Well, but I think the defined term --

1 MR. BUTLER: The bondholders --

2 THE COURT: The defined term senior debt is
3 everything.

4 MR. BUTLER: Right. Correct.

5 THE COURT: Yeah, so you should be clear on that.

6 MR. BUTLER: Yeah, I want to be clear on that. It's
7 not just the bondholders.

8 MR. BUTLER: Right.

9 MR. FOX: Well, there is some dilution because of
10 substantive consolidation.

11 MR. BUTLER: Well it's more than that. There -- even
12 on a deconsolidated basis --

13 MR. FOX: Yeah, I know --

14 MR. BUTLER: -- there are other senior debt
15 holders --

16 MR. FOX: I understand.

17 MR. BUTLER: -- at Delphi other than the bondholders.

18 THE COURT: All right.

19 MR. FOX: I understand but there are --

20 THE COURT: But again, you've defined senior debt, I
21 think, to include that. And I've used that term, senior debt.

22 MR. BUTLER: Got it.

23 MR. FOX: The point simply is, Your Honor, though
24 that with substantive consolidation you, in effect, create more
25 senior debt that the TOPrS would give up to based -- because of

1 the definition.

2 MR. BUTLER: Correct. That is correct.

3 MR. BRILLIANT: Your Honor, it's just --

4 THE COURT: Well, I guess that's right. Although
5 since it's in a plan where that doesn't happen you don't run
6 into that problem.

7 MR. BRILLIANT: Your Honor, should this paragraph
8 that you're talking about be in the TOPrS section or the senior
9 debt section or should it be in both sections?

10 THE COURT: I mean --

11 MR. BRILLIANT: Or have it in one and cross
12 referenced in the other.

13 THE COURT: I think I'd have it in the TOPrS section
14 because if you are a -- if you're a holder of senior debt
15 you're going to look to see what they're getting.

16 MR. BRILLIANT: You might look to see what the senior
17 debt is getting and --

18 THE COURT: I don't mind a cross reference in the
19 senior debt; in the description of the senior debt saying see a
20 cross reference. No, you know what, it's all -- it's all
21 together. I really think it's all together. I think if you
22 know you're the beneficiary, as I imagine everyone does,
23 certainly -- certainly the senior bondholders must --

24 MR. ROSENBERG: Well, some are more sophisticated
25 then others, Your Honor.

1 MR. BUTLER: Well --

2 THE COURT: But the summary talks about the TOPrS. I
3 think people are alerted to this issue already by the summary
4 and the -- I think it's okay the way it is. But if you -- if
5 you -- you know, if you just want to have a cross reference to
6 it that's fine, in the senior -- in the general unsecured
7 claims discussion just have a cross reference.

8 MR. BUTLER: That's -- I mean, that's on page 175.
9 Its right -- it's easy to see.

10 THE COURT: I understand. It's -- they're right next
11 to each other.

12 MR. BUTLER: So just -- is that optional for us to
13 consider, Your Honor, or is that being required?

14 THE COURT: Well, this is -- this is actually not in
15 the section -- there is no section dealing with TOPrS. This
16 section says satisfaction of TOPrS subordination provisions.

17 MR. BUTLER: Right. It's actually part of the --

18 THE COURT: So this is really on the subordination --
19 I don't think you need it except in this particular section.
20 I'm pretty sure that those are all my comments.

21 I did have a couple comments on the solicitation
22 procedures order but those are my comments on the disclosure
23 statement.

24 MR. BUTLER: Would it be okay then to go through and
25 figure out who else wants to raise comments --

1 THE COURT: Yes.

2 MR. BUTLER: -- on the disclosure statement?

3 THE COURT: Yes.

4 MR. BUTLER: So we can get -- we did, Your Honor,
5 exhibit 81, and I want to hand to hand it up to the Court so
6 you actually have it. If I may step up, Your Honor? Exhibit
7 81 represents some further black line changes that we went over
8 with Mr. Fox to deal with some of his objections. They didn't
9 resolve all of his objections but I think he told me we were
10 making progress. So we would be incorporating all of these
11 into the plan as well -- I mean into the disclosure statement
12 as well. And I just wanted the Court to be apprised of it.

13 THE COURT: Okay. Let me just --

14 MR. BUTLER: This was -- this is the one that
15 eliminates, you'll notice, some of the boxes have gone and
16 things like that.

17 THE COURT: Okay.

18 MR. BUTLER: Mr. Fox made other comments but I just
19 wanted to make sure for the record that --

20 THE COURT: No, I -- I'm comfortable with that. I --
21 it was clear to me, in reading his objection, that some of the
22 boxes should go. Not the editorializing about what people
23 might or might do but just as a fact that they're superseded.
24 Let me look at the other ones.

25 MR. BUTLER: So then the -- I guess the next step,

1 Your Honor, would be to take them in whatever order people want
2 to. I think there are --

3 THE COURT: Okay.

4 MR. BUTLER: -- it's Mr. Brilliant and Mr. Fox and to
5 the extent Mr. Etkin or, I don't know whether Highland has
6 anything else they want to say today. Those are -- those would
7 be the three or four people who, I think, are still in play.

8 THE COURT: Is he still -- oh yeah, there he is.

9 MS. ELKIN: I didn't merit a front seat.

10 THE COURT: Well, you're also hiding -- it's Ms.
11 Elkin and Mr. Etkin, so --

12 MS. ELKIN: Right.

13 THE COURT: Okay.

14 MS. ELKIN: Judy Elkin for Highland Capital. Your
15 Honor, we will work with the debtor just to -- on the language
16 that the Court suggested --

17 THE COURT: All right.

18 MS. ELKIN: -- to the extent necessary. With respect
19 to the other objections raised, I think based on the Court's
20 comments to the extent they're necessary we reserve them for
21 confirmation. We won't pursue them right now.

22 THE COURT: Okay. That's fine. And let me say it
23 for the record, the whole premise of not dealing with most
24 confirmation objections, except for the classification and
25 disparate treatment ones that I talked about as well as the

1 substantive consolidation ones, is that my view is those are
2 all properly raised at confirmation. After a vote it may be
3 moot, it may be, at that time -- it clearly would be at that
4 time based on a particular record. And therefore everyone's
5 rights to object to the plan are fully preserved and reserved.
6 And that goes, obviously also, for my -- it goes for the issues
7 that I did discuss which is substantive consolidation and
8 classification and -- and disparate treatment.

9 MR. BUTLER: Your Honor, also on that, just on that
10 point if we could ask, we typically, in these circumstances,
11 ask the Court to also indicate though that while people's
12 rights are preserved, that to the extent someone wants to
13 continue this -- any objection that they made at the disclosure
14 statement hearing, this confirmation objection --

15 THE COURT: Oh no, they've got to file an objection.

16 MR. BUTLER: -- they need to refile it.

17 THE COURT: Absolutely. You've got to file your
18 objection.

19 MR. BUTLER: -- as a confirmation objection at the
20 confirmation hearing.

21 THE COURT: Sure.

22 MR. BUTLER: Okay. I just wanted to make sure the
23 record is clear --

24 THE COURT: Absolutely.

25 MR. BUTLER: -- clear on that. Thank you, Your

1 Honor.

2 THE COURT: Okay.

3 MR. BRILLIANT: Your Honor, just a couple of things.
4 And I apologize, there's so many versions of this plan and the
5 black lines that I've been trying to follow along with you and
6 even my black line doesn't match up with some of the page
7 references. So I'm going to do the best I can.

8 THE COURT: You can sit in the witness box if you
9 want, I won't put you under oath.

10 MR. BUTLER: But I will ask questions.

11 THE COURT: It's okay.

12 MR. BUTLER: Having a plaintiff's attorney in the
13 witness box is a rare opportunity.

14 THE COURT: It might be a good thing though for
15 every -- every --

16 MR. ETKIN: I still don't call myself a plaintiff's
17 attorney, as surprised as you might be at that.

18 Your Honor, just a few comments and it won't surprise
19 you that they really come into play only since we agreed to a
20 proposed modification of the settlement.

21 THE COURT: Okay.

22 MR. ETKIN: And that's reflected in the disclosure
23 statement and I think the few pages, the provisions that you
24 wanted us to add something to is where the modification is laid
25 out.

1 THE COURT: Okay. And remind me, where is that again
2 because I took off my yellow tag.

3 MR. ETKIN: I think that's at --

4 MR. BUTLER: Well, what's the section number? Maybe
5 that hasn't changed.

6 MR. ETKIN: It's at pages, on my draft -- well, I
7 actually do have the section number. It's VIII, D(3), C(1).
8 Well the page, okay. I'll try to give you the page.

9 THE COURT: No, let me just -- just a second.

10 MR. ETKIN: From my -- on my draft it starts at
11 around --

12 MR. BUTLER: I think its page 139.

13 MR. ETKIN: 139.

14 MR. BUTLER: Right. And I think -- I still think it
15 is.

16 MR. ETKIN: And goes through to 142.

17 THE COURT: Okay. Yeah.

18 MR. ETKIN: And that -- and we've talked about the
19 language there and we're -- we're fine with that, Your Honor.
20 The debtor made a couple of changes that we requested in terms
21 of outlining what the -- what the agreed upon proposed
22 modification is.

23 THE COURT: Right.

24 MR. ETKIN: The issue that I had raised with the
25 debtor that's still outstanding relates to page -- let's see --

1 it's BS-177. And it talks about -- it's the description of
2 Class E, which are the 510(b) note claims.

3 THE COURT: Okay.

4 MR. ETKIN: And only two comments there. There was
5 originally language in that section, in the prior iterations of
6 the disclosure statement which is set forth, actually, in the
7 executive summary as well, that talks about the distribution
8 and the same proportion of new common stock and discount rights
9 that are made to holders of general unsecured claims. That --
10 that reference found its way out of the December 3rd draft and
11 we wanted that back in because it's consistent with the
12 executive summary as well as the terms of the settlement
13 agreement. So that's -- that's one comment there.

14 THE COURT: Well, let's -- is there a reason? Was
15 that just a typo or --

16 MR. BUTLER: Well, I -- this is actually a black line
17 against the September -- this is against the September 6th
18 plan, right? I mean, I'm not sure it was ever in -- in this
19 class treatment. I think it was --

20 THE COURT: Well, the -- at least the page I have is
21 the 510(b) equity claims --

22 MR. BUTLER: All right.

23 THE COURT: -- not the note claims. And I thought the
24 equity claims -- they don't -- they don't flow with the
25 unsecureds they flow with the --

1 MR. ETKIN: It's really one claim, Your Honor, and
2 the treatment is the same with respect to the entire claim
3 that's been provided.

4 THE COURT: Well, if that's what the settlement
5 provides, then it should be in. I mean it's easy.

6 MR. ETKIN: And I do think it was in a version and
7 it --

8 MR. BUTLER: Your Honor, I'm sure I can --

9 THE COURT: It's not in the --

10 MR. BRILLIANT: It's in the equity --

11 THE COURT: It's not in the black line but if it's
12 the same -- if it's in the term sheet --

13 MR. ETKIN: It's in the settlement agreement.

14 THE COURT: If it's in the settlement agreement then
15 you should just put it in, okay.

16 MR. BUTLER: Okay, Your Honor.

17 MR. ETKIN: And the second point there --

18 MR. BUTLER: I just want to -- just -- I'm sorry.

19 MR. ETKIN: Sure.

20 MR. BUTLER: Just one moment. I just wanted to
21 indicate that we should -- if we're going to make the
22 changes -- that change, if we're going to make it, ought to be
23 in all three classes, all right, the -- dealing with the 510(b)
24 note claims, the 510(b) equity claims and the 510(b) ERISA
25 claims because they're all three the same. And it should be

1 reflected in the summary as well as in the body.

2 THE COURT: Okay.

3 MR. BUTLER: I just want to make sure we got it on
4 the record and --

5 MR. ETKIN: It's already in the executive summary,
6 that language. So --

7 THE COURT: Yeah, it is, actually. I meant to say
8 that.

9 MR. BUTLER: That's where I saw it. But I just
10 wanted to say --

11 THE COURT: Okay.

12 MR. ETKIN: Yeah, and that's -- that's -- obviously
13 that's appropriate.

14 THE COURT: All right. But it should be -- when you
15 actually describe the treatment in more detail it should be
16 there.

17 MR. BUTLER: Okay. All right.

18 MR. ETKIN: And also, with respect to that same
19 paragraph, Your Honor, we had suggested some language to the
20 debtor in terms of changing that around and that wasn't
21 accepted. And then last night we provided or tried to provide
22 some compromise language. And the point is, quite simply, that
23 there's -- there's reference to, in that paragraph now, as may
24 be modified on a non-material basis by the order of the MDL
25 court, that's talking about this deal, this modification that

1 we've agreed to and that's now before Judge Rosen.

2 THE COURT: Right.

3 MR. ETKIN: I think -- and it's described, as I said
4 previously, in that prior section, the four pages that describe
5 the settlement. I think there needs to be some reference back
6 to those four pages, that provision that describes what that
7 modification is so we know that we're talking apples to apples.
8 So I just suggested that we just add, at the end of that
9 language that I just quoted, as described in Section VIII D(3)
10 C(1) --

11 MR. BUTLER: And that was not --

12 MR. ETKIN: -- of the disclosure statement.

13 MR. BUTLER: that wasn't acceptable to us because the
14 treatment of the class ought to be what Judge Rosen orders in
15 the MDL case, is the -- because he's yet to enter these orders.
16 Whatever it is, I don't want to get trapped here that we have
17 out for -- for voting something that turns out that there's
18 any, you know, whatever the non-material modification finally
19 approved by Judge Rosen in that, which will have to have the
20 consent of the class plaintiffs, whatever that is, that's what
21 we're referencing in here. And I wanted to make absolutely
22 sure that we didn't have any kind of a hiccup in the -- you
23 know, in between them. So, I mean, this is -- this is -- it's
24 got to be non-material and it's got to be in connection with
25 the monetization of the distribution. But I wasn't going to,

1 you know -- it seemed to me that the order that Judge Rosen has
2 yet to enter ought not be characterized by us other than by
3 those two descriptors. That's why we did not accept the
4 comment.

5 MR. ETKIN: Well, here's the problem, Your Honor.
6 What's been put on the record before Judge Rosen, what's been
7 described to him, what's been described now to you in the
8 context of the revisions to the disclosure statement is what
9 we've agreed to.

10 MR. BUTLER: Right.

11 MR. ETKIN: And that's what's going to be put in
12 front of Judge Rosen.

13 THE COURT: I know but he's -- but -- A -- although
14 he's preliminary approved it, he hasn't finally approved it.

15 MR. ETKIN: That's right. He's provided for a
16 notice.

17 THE COURT: And B, what you've agreed to also
18 contemplates, I guess, some flexibility on -- on changing it in
19 some regard, as he did before.

20 MR. ETKIN: No.

21 THE COURT: As was done before.

22 MR. ETKIN: Done before in what context, Your Honor?

23 THE COURT: The thing that's out now.

24 MR. ETKIN: Well, yeah. If -- if that comes to pass,
25 and we're -- we --

1 THE COURT: I -- what Mr. Butler doesn't want to
2 leave the implication of is that the only change that can be
3 made is the one that --

4 MR. ETKIN: Well, the only change that could be made
5 is the one that we agree to.

6 MR. BUTLER: But my -- and I think that's always --

7 MR. ETKIN: And that's the one we've agreed to.

8 MR. BUTLER: But I think it's all has to do with
9 Judge Rosen. I mean, the fact of the matter is let's -- for
10 the moment, I can't imagine this but let's for the moment
11 assume that the notice that's sent out by Judge Rosen -- by
12 Judge Rosen's order there is some issue that someone comes in
13 with --

14 THE COURT: Let me cut through this. I don't think
15 there's any implication in this language that you can be forced
16 into anything.

17 MR. BUTLER: Right.

18 THE COURT: And I think there would be an implication
19 that either Judge -- that the debtors are implying or I am
20 implying that either the debtors or Judge Rosen could be forced
21 into something. And I don't want to do that.

22 MR. ETKIN: Right.

23 THE COURT: So, I think --

24 MR. ETKIN: Which is why the nature of this is -- is
25 by virtue of agreement.

1 THE COURT: No, no. Because he's not agreeing to
2 anything, he's reviewing it. And I don't want there to be --

3 MR. ETKIN: Despite the agreement, exactly Your
4 Honor. And it remains subject to his approval.

5 THE COURT: I just -- I don't think -- I don't --
6 when I see this I don't see any implication that you -- that
7 your clients are going to be able to be bound to anything other
8 then what they agreed to. So, I -- and clearly, as of today,
9 the only thing they have agreed to is what's out there.

10 MR. ETKIN: That's right.

11 THE COURT: So I think it's clear. I really don't --
12 I don't think anyone would be confused by this.

13 MR. ETKIN: Well, if that -- if that's your reading,
14 Your Honor, then I'm satisfied with that.

15 THE COURT: Yeah, I -- I think that the alternative
16 would be to put some pressure on -- on the Judge Rosen,
17 frankly, and on the debtors that would be -- would be
18 confusing.

19 MR. ETKIN: Well, I don't necessarily buy into that,
20 Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: All right.

22 MR. ETKIN: But the important thing is that the
23 modification is what we've agreed to.

24 THE COURT: Yeah, and there's --

25 MR. ETKIN: And it's nothing else.

1 THE COURT: You have the ability to agree to non-
2 material other things, if you want to.

3 MR. ETKIN: Well that's, again, up to Judge Rosen as
4 to --

5 THE COURT: Right. But you haven't yet. So I think
6 that's clear.

7 MR. ETKIN: That's right. Okay. That's fine,
8 Your Honor. The only other change then, Your Honor, would
9 be -- I think it's on page 195, at least it starts there. The
10 reference to Judge Rosen's order previously, in the disclosure
11 statement, has been the order of the MDL court with regard to
12 this --

13 THE COURT: So you need to update this now, is that
14 what you're saying?

15 MR. ETKIN: No, I just want this section to be
16 consistent with what's been said earlier.

17 THE COURT: Okay. So what is this? This is 18(a) or
18 what --

19 MR. BUTLER: Where are we?

20 MR. ETKIN: 18(a).

21 THE COURT: Yeah.

22 MR. ETKIN: That's right, Your Honor. Previously
23 it's been described as the order, which is fine. Here it's
24 changed to any order. And I think it needs to be consistent
25 with the order that's presently before Judge Rosen regarding

1 this modification. So I think the word any implies something
2 that, you know, we're obviously uncomfortable with and it's
3 inconsistent with how that's been described in prior sections,
4 the two sections that we've just talked about. So I don't
5 think that that's a distinction without a difference.

6 MR. BUTLER: I actually thought the word -- the
7 formulation of any was the proper formulation. Because my view
8 is, the Judge has entered a preliminary order, he's entered a
9 final order, he's going to enter a final order. It's more than
10 one order. I mean -- again, this isn't trying to suggest that
11 orders can be entered that would be not acceptable to the lead
12 plaintiffs. It's to make sure that we've got the proper
13 flexibility in this plan and disclosure statement as it's going
14 out for a vote so that the action can take place in the MDL
15 court, not here, on this topic.

16 MR. ETKIN: Well, action can still take place in the
17 MDL court on this topic, without implying that there's going to
18 be a massive set of additional orders or more than the one
19 order that Judge Rosen is currently focused on, which is the
20 final order approving the settlement. So that's -- that's our
21 point there, Your Honor.

22 We also have the other point that we just disposed
23 of, by virtue of your comments. The only other thing --

24 THE COURT: Well let me -- let me just focus on this.
25 Well, he hasn't entered the order yet, right?

1 MR. ETKIN: He has not entered the final order yet.
2 And we did appear before him to advise him of the proposed
3 modification.

4 THE COURT: Why don't you say such order as opposed
5 to any, just say such?

6 MR. ETKIN: That's fine.

7 THE COURT: Shall remain in accordance with such
8 order.

9 MR. ETKIN: And those changes would just have to
10 carry over to corresponding provisions of the plan as well,
11 Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Okay.

13 MR. ETKIN: And I did send an e-mail last night that
14 fought a couple of changes that weren't made to the plan that -
15 - but changes were made to the disclosure statement or to other
16 sections of the plan. And I don't want to --

17 THE COURT: I'm sorry, there were changes made to the
18 disclosure statement?

19 MR. ETKIN: There were changes made to the disclosure
20 statement --

21 THE COURT: But not yet to the plan?

22 MR. ETKIN: -- and the plan.

23 THE COURT: Oh, and the plan.

24 MR. ETKIN: And the plan, to correspond to the
25 changes in the disclosure statement.

1 THE COURT: Right.

2 MR. ETKIN: But there were a couple of additional
3 changes that should have been made to correspond to changes
4 that have already been made. I'd be happy --

5 THE COURT: To the plan?

6 MR. ETKIN: To the plan. I'd be happy to go over
7 them.

8 THE COURT: No, you can just go over them --

9 MR. ETKIN: But I'm assuming that we can straighten
10 this thing out.

11 MR. BUTLER: Only if they're corresponding changes,
12 Mr. Etkin.

13 MR. ETKIN: That's --

14 MR. BUTLER: I mean, if there are other -- because
15 there have been some suggestions you've made that we've not
16 accepted and I don't want to have this colloquy --

17 MR. ETKIN: No, now -- well --

18 MR. BUTLER: -- to suggest otherwise.

19 MR. ETKIN: Well tell me, Jack, if you want me to go
20 over them now, I'll go over them in detail.

21 MR. BUTLER: If they're corresponding -- look, if we
22 made a change in the disclosure statement and the same change
23 needs to be made in the plan, fine to do that.

24 THE COURT: Or vice versa. If you made it to the
25 plan and you haven't made it to the disclosure statement.

1 MR. BUTLER: Or vice versa, that's right. Exactly.
2 I'm happy to -- they should match.

3 THE COURT: Just word for word or an accurate
4 summary.

5 MR. BUTLER: Right.

6 THE COURT: Okay. That's fine.

7 MR. ETKIN: The only thing that wasn't made before,
8 that you've just resolved Your Honor --

9 THE COURT: Okay.

10 MR. ETKIN: -- the change of the word any to such.

11 THE COURT: Okay.

12 MR. ETKIN: And that's -- that's in our e-mail as
13 well.

14 MR. BUTLER: Fine.

15 MR. ETKIN: But the others are -- are strictly
16 corresponding changes.

17 THE COURT: Okay.

18 MR. ETKIN: And we can go over them. This is from
19 the e-mail I sent last night, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Okay.

21 MR. ETKIN: The only other point I raised, Your
22 Honor, that -- that I didn't actually supply language for was
23 the -- the redirection of the cash that's referred to as part
24 of the modification.

25 THE COURT: This is to -- in order to exercise the

1 discount, right?

2 MR. ETKIN: No, this is the fifteen million dollars.

3 THE COURT: Oh, okay.

4 MR. ETKIN: There's no mention of it at all in the
5 plan but there's no discussion in the disclosure statement of
6 when or how it's going to get paid. And I think that --

7 MR. BUTLER: And there's not going to be. That'll be
8 dealt with in the settlement order with -- and Judge Drain
9 approves the plan.

10 THE COURT: I mean, it just assumes it's going to be
11 there for it to do -- I didn't think that was a problem.

12 MR. BUTLER: He hasn't approved the MDL settlement
13 yet. When he approves it, that'll happen.

14 THE COURT: Well, two judges haven't.

15 MR. BUTLER: Right. Correct.

16 MR. ETKIN: Right.

17 THE COURT: That's fine. Okay.

18 MR. ETKIN: That's it, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: All right. Okay.

20 MR. FOX: I was just going to ask if you wanted to
21 take a break, since it's almost 2:30.

22 THE COURT: How much longer do --

23 MR. FOX: Well, it may be -- to save a little time,
24 we can, sort of, like Mr. Etkin, I think we've got some things
25 that have been covered, some things are still floating around

1 on multiple pieces of paper.

2 THE COURT: Well, I'm sorry, do you want to -- I
3 thought you -- you were pretty much resolved at this point
4 with --

5 MR. FOX: Well, there's still some issues that I
6 think --

7 THE COURT: Okay.

8 MR. FOX: -- we'd like to discuss.

9 THE COURT: Well, are those issues you want to talk
10 about or -- I mean, with the debtor or do you want to --

11 MR. FOX: I think I need to talk to you about them.

12 THE COURT: Okay. Well let's do that for, at least,
13 ten or fifteen minutes.

14 MR. FOX: Okay.

15 THE COURT: Before taking a break.

16 MR. FOX: I'm sorry?

17 THE COURT: Before taking a break.

18 MR. FOX: Well, I just thought it might be more
19 efficient if we took a break.

20 THE COURT: Not really.

21 MR. FOX: Okay. No, that's fine.

22 MR. BRILLIANT: Your Honor, if you're going to take a
23 break in ten or fifteen minutes, in any event, I'm happy to do
24 my issues and then Mr. Fox can talk during the break.

25 MR. FOX: No, I don't need to talk to them.

1 THE COURT: One of guys just go ahead now.

2 MR. FOX: Your Honor, I think there's some minor
3 issues that I'll try to run through. I think there are two,
4 kind of, more central issues; one particularly which goes back
5 to the whole concept of explaining to people the valuation
6 concept and so that they understand what they're getting here.
7 And the debtors made some effort in that regard but I had
8 suggested some further or a different or what I think is a
9 better way to do that. What I'd like to do, if I could, is
10 step back a minute and explain to you why I think that's
11 important.

12 THE COURT: No, I know it's important.

13 MR. FOX: No, no, no. But there -- there are a lot
14 of different ways that one can realize or lose value here. And
15 it's not -- because of that, depending on how sophisticated or
16 unsophisticated one is, that may or may not be so evident.

17 You start from, you know, the Rothschild valuation of
18 between and eleven and fourteen and you have a midpoint
19 valuation. And the debtors have put in a calculation now,
20 showing that the percentage recovery is based on that. They
21 have not translated those recoveries in that chart into the
22 other chart of recoveries where they basically say you get a
23 hundred percent at plan value. So yeah, I suppose somebody
24 could do the math. My preference would be that you not put
25 individual or put holders in a position of having to figure

1 that out themselves.

2 THE COURT: I think it's -- I think they're
3 adequately apprised of it at this point. I -- I think that the
4 principle of what the plan is doing and what it's not doing is
5 clear. And the chart is clear. And I just don't want to keep
6 reiterating it to them. I think it's -- I think it's clear as
7 it is.

8 MR. FOX: Well, then I'll -- there's -- we'd also ask
9 the debtors, at least and they've not in the text put this in,
10 the -- as the issue came up in one of the comments Mr. Butler
11 made about making a general change throughout, to consistently
12 use the term, whether it's plan value or plan equity value or
13 something. I think that would be helpful.

14 We had asked that the debtor make a change, the
15 very -- I think it was the very first time that that came up in
16 the executive summary on page DS-XI and to indicate right there
17 where it says plan value that that's a negotiated enterprise
18 value of --

19 THE COURT: I put that in. That's my language, in
20 negotiated plan enterprise value.

21 MR. FOX: Oh, I'm sorry.

22 THE COURT: You won that one. Remember I said on
23 that conference call you had a lot of good comments.

24 MR. FOX: Right although it doesn't indicate what the
25 number is --

1 THE COURT: That's the next page. That's, like, two
2 pages later. It comes out.

3 MR. FOX: Okay.

4 THE COURT: You have the chart and everything.

5 MR. FOX: On the event risks, I think we have taken
6 out some of those. I think there're a few, though, that -- for
7 instance, the exclusive period to file a plan at December 31,
8 that's still in the chart. There -- if this is -- if this
9 disclosure statement's approved, then the debtors' time to --
10 then we move on to their time to solicit acceptances. And then
11 that one becomes basically irrelevant at that point for
12 purposes of this plan.

13 THE COURT: I always extend -- I mean, if I were
14 representing a debtor, I would want to extend them both
15 forever.

16 MR. FOX: Well the question -- this section was added
17 at the time that the creditors' committee stood up and said
18 we're not going to support what the debtors' doing.

19 THE COURT: Right.

20 MR. FOX: And it became --

21 THE COURT: Wouldn't that -- but I think -- my view
22 is that if the plan were not to be confirmed, the case would
23 have that risk, because a lot of people would be tempted to
24 stand up and say the debtor couldn't do it, we want to do it
25 now. So I think it's legitimate. It's not -- you know, I

1 think for anyone whom -- where the exclusive period matters to
2 someone, and for a lot of people it doesn't really matter,
3 because they don't really know it, but I think for those to
4 whom it matters, I think it is -- it is a risk. It's not as
5 big a risk as other things, but it's indicative of what would
6 happen if -- if the course changed -- the case changed
7 direction.

8 MR. FOX: Okay. And on the two risks at March 31,
9 both relating to the UAW, they're effectively the same --
10 they're part and parcel of the same thing. And we suggest that
11 they be combined because they're not two different things that
12 are going to happen. They get to that date and then they don't
13 meet the benefits, or if they change the benefits at that
14 point, the strike risk exists.

15 THE COURT: But that --

16 MR. BUTLER: They are two separate issues.

17 THE COURT: -- but I think -- I think that explains
18 the risk and it's also -- I mean, my experience is that while
19 the UAW has been constructive, and as I said earlier today,
20 sophisticated. They really know their rights. And they, you
21 know, they know those contracts like the back of their hand.
22 So I think it's -- I think those are two important points.
23 And, you know, if Mr. Kennedy -- that date is important to the
24 unions --

25 MR. FOX: No I --

1 THE COURT: -- that have the benefit of that
2 guarantee.

3 MR. FOX: -- I agree that that's the case. The point
4 that I was trying to make was that the event, for purposes of
5 the effect on the debtors, for instance, or the recoveries --

6 THE COURT: Well, but you know --

7 MR. FOX: -- I know it's two separate things.

8 THE COURT: -- I would identify them both. I think
9 that it has -- even if they didn't strike, there's something I
10 would be worried about, because it affects the labor
11 relationship. Because I know they're worried about it, if in
12 fact the plan doesn't get confirmed. I hope they're not unduly
13 worried, but I think that's an event risk of the plan not being
14 confirmed.

15 MR. FOX: I think Mr. Butler alluded to it in the
16 places where he uses the claims range of 3.2 to 3.6, isn't that
17 right? You alluded to the suggestion of just saying up to a
18 maximum of whatever the number is? The range becomes confused.

19 MR. BUTLER: Well, no. What I agreed to do was in
20 the 3.2 to 3.6 range in the summary what we said was, I'm going
21 to drop the footnote of the explanatory paragraph that we
22 discussed on the record with the Judge.

23 THE COURT: They have a range. I think it's properly
24 inclusive. They have a range, but then they say, even though
25 we -- we're not positive that we're going to be within the

1 range, this is where we think we are which leads to a hundred
2 percent recovery. And I think -- I think that alerts people to
3 the fact that there might be some play in the joints, but that
4 the debtors -- I think it's okay.

5 MR. FOX: Well the point that was -- I think, I could
6 be wrong, that as long as they don't exceed the upper limit,
7 that there's no impact on recoveries. So if you put it --

8 THE COURT: But don't you want to -- I think it's
9 fair to alert people that they might exceed the upper limit
10 based upon their -- they have a range.

11 MR. FOX: -- I agree with that. The range that's
12 listed, though, is within the upper limit. My point is, in
13 fact --

14 THE COURT: Is it? I didn't know that.

15 MR. BUTLER: The point you're making, which is an
16 academically correct point, but you're only looking at it one
17 way, which is typical, in the sense that you're looking if it
18 gets too high --

19 THE COURT: Well, now, you know, I know we haven't
20 had lunch yet, but go on --

21 MR. BUTLER: -- no, no, no. But -- it's a range.
22 But if it gets too high, he's saying it may not be par plus
23 accrued recovery, but if it's at the low end, right, then it's
24 arguably --

25 MR. FOX: No.

1 MR. BUTLER: -- because the shares are allocated,
2 it's arguably slightly better. I mean, that's how the -- I
3 mean, it's a settlement case. It's not perfection because the
4 stock -- everything's been allocated.

5 MR. FOX: I'm not -- no, I'm not arguing about that.

6 THE COURT: I think it -- well, I think his point is
7 that, is it -- I didn't know this. The range of claims,
8 whatever it -- if anything falls within that range, you're
9 under the cap? Is that what your point is?

10 MR. FOX: As long as you're under the cap you get a
11 hundred percent regardless of the range. And I was confused
12 when I read it.

13 THE COURT: All right. Well, that's worth putting in
14 the note then, I guess --

15 MR. FOX: That's really --

16 THE COURT: -- that anything -- and hence --

17 MR. BUTLER: I'm trying to understand the point --

18 THE COURT: -- being within that range -- being
19 within that range also puts you within the --- you know, under
20 the cap.

21 MR. FOX: The point is, creditors don't need to be
22 worried that their recovery is affected depending on the range
23 of claims, as long as the upper end of the range falls under
24 the cap. Because somebody reading it, as I did when I read it,
25 could be -- could believe that depending on where the claims

1 fall within the range, even though it's under the cap, could
2 affect their recovery.

3 THE COURT: Yeah. You made -- I'm going to reverse
4 course here. I think that if that range of claims is all -- no
5 matter whether you're at the top end or the bottom end, is --
6 leaves you under the cap, then you should probably say that in
7 your footnote.

8 MR. BUTLER: Actually the cap is in the middle of
9 that range.

10 THE COURT: Oh, all right. Well, then that's -- then
11 you should say that. Then you should say that.

12 MR. BUTLER: Which was what I was doing to do.

13 THE COURT: Okay. That's fine. All right.

14 MR. BUTLER: Okay. All right. Then now --

15 THE COURT: Okay.

16 MR. BUTLER: -- right.

17 THE COURT: So we were at the -- all right. Fine.

18 MR. BUTLER: That's what I'm saying, the cap is the
19 middle -- all right. Exactly right.

20 THE COURT: Okay. All right.

21 MR. FOX: Well, in that case, then, if --

22 THE COURT: Then you should say it's in the middle --
23 midpoint of the range. That's fine.

24 MR. FOX: -- well, in that case, though, then I think
25 if we exceed the cap --

1 THE COURT: No. Then you -- then it's clear.
2 There's an adjustment. You -- I don't think you need to spell
3 that out. I think that's clear.

4 MR. FOX: Well --

5 THE COURT: As long as you give people the point
6 where the cap is in that range, then they can do the math in
7 their heads.

8 MR. FOX: I'm not sure about that. But the debtor
9 added language which I thought was in response to another
10 request we had, indicating that they don't think that they'll
11 exceed the cap. I don't -- it seems inconsistent to say --

12 THE COURT: No, you could -- I don't think -- I mean,
13 there's a range. They haven't liquidated these claims yet.
14 But they can still give their judgment as to the likelihood of
15 what they'll be liquidated at.

16 MR. FOX: Well, I would ask, I know Your Honor feels
17 otherwise, but I would nevertheless make the request that if
18 the debtor believes that the higher end of the range is above
19 the cap, that they indicate what the diminution and recovery
20 would be if that higher end of the range is reached.

21 THE COURT: I don't think you need to do that.

22 MR. FOX: The -- we talked about dilution, Your
23 Honor. There are two issues that were not discussed. One is
24 the effect of the emergence cash bonuses, which are different
25 than the equity set aside. And I don't believe that -- it's

1 like eighty-something million dollars, I think.

2 MR. BUTLER: It's not diluted. That's a cash expense
3 rolled up into the cash part of the plan.

4 MR. FOX: Okay.

5 THE COURT: Okay.

6 MR. FOX: Thanks. And then I also -- it was my
7 understanding that even with the management compensation plan
8 that there's a three percent initial grant at emergence.

9 MR. BUTLER: I didn't say that. What I said earlier
10 was, when we were talking about this earlier on, I said that
11 there was an eight percent that would be issued -- that would
12 be authorized but not issued, and that some portion of that,
13 depending upon what the determinations are by the comp.
14 committee and the -- assuming the plan's confirmed and the
15 Court confirms the plan, there'll be some amount of awards
16 given in conjunction with that plan that's adopted. Now, the
17 exact timing when those are issued, I suspect that they will be
18 at or around time -- the effective date. I know that the --
19 some of those, for example, some of those are in the form of
20 RSUs. Some are in the form of options. Some of it will be --
21 which is still within the three percent. It's not like people
22 are going to get all of them as stock grants and be able to go
23 away. And there's -- and as the plan investors had negotiated
24 it, half of them are performance-based over a three-year
25 period, so that, you know, it is not the case that people are

1 getting even a three percent grant that you can go walk away
2 with and this is the stock you have.

3 MR. FOX: But if it's coming out of the finite amount
4 of stock at --

5 MR. BUTLER: It's not coming out of the stock
6 allocated to the creditors.

7 MR. FOX: -- but if it's -- no. But if it's
8 outstanding at emergence or effectively at emergence, it's
9 diluted. If it's creditors' shares --

10 THE COURT: But if -- it's diluted across the board,
11 isn't it?

12 MR. FOX: Well, nevertheless, if you're telling
13 creditors what they're getting but you don't take account of
14 something that's going to dilute them on day one, I --

15 MR. BUTLER: I mean, there is disclosure in the thing
16 that there's --

17 THE COURT: Yeah. That's in the executive --

18 MR. BUTLER: -- executive concept.

19 THE COURT: -- the compensation section.

20 MR. FOX: But it's not -- but it doesn't --

21 THE COURT: I mean, I guess -- I'm not -- as long as
22 there's the note that we talked about saying that this, you
23 know, these are the issued shares and -- I'm not uncomfortable
24 about that. The point of the -- if in fact the stock option
25 plan was coming out of a particular constituent's hide, I'd

1 think about it differently. But it isn't. And the theory of
2 it is that every shareholder benefits from it.

3 MR. FOX: There's no question about that, Your Honor,
4 but I'm concerned about the effect that it has. Even though
5 it's spread over everybody, some of that is the unsecured
6 creditors.

7 THE COURT: I don't -- I don't think so.

8 MR. FOX: The last point, Your Honor, the last main
9 point. In the section on substantive consolidation, the
10 discussion of the factors to be considered and the statement
11 that the debtor has considered those factors and reached a
12 decision, but there's no -- there's no discussion whatsoever of
13 what the actual facts are on which the debtor made its
14 decision. And we've asked for that, and the debtors declined
15 to do so.

16 THE COURT: Well, that's why I told them to explain
17 who is -- which creditors might be affected and why,
18 notwithstanding that, they believe it's in the interest of
19 every creditor.

20 MR. FOX: Well, I know I appreciated the fact that
21 Your Honor asked them to do that, but it wasn't -- but it
22 doesn't really give the creditors --

23 THE COURT: This is -- this is for voting purposes?

24 MR. FOX: Yes.

25 THE COURT: If someone wants to object on the basis

1 that the plan provides for the substantive consolidation it
2 does provide for, I'm sure there'll be discovery and, you know,
3 a whole litigation festival. And all of that stuff will be
4 developed at nauseum.

5 MR. FOX: I didn't mean to turn it into that --

6 THE COURT: No, I know.

7 MR. FOX: -- what I meant to do was to give people
8 enough information so that they can decide for themselves that
9 they should accept or not accept the debtors' determination.

10 THE COURT: But it -- but it's not a litigation -- I
11 guess the debtors are being pretty candid. They're not asking
12 people to accept the plan because they think they will defeat
13 them in a contested substantive consolidation analysis.
14 They're asking them to accept the plan because they believe
15 that at the end of the day it's good for all their creditors.
16 If they could say that factually, then I think that's -- that's
17 their point. I mean, that's -- it's not a litigation analysis.
18 It's a, you know, you benefit from this analysis. And they
19 should identify who might, if there is some group, might not
20 benefit and why they nevertheless believe that it is to their
21 benefit.

22 MR. FOX: No, I appreciate that. But I think that
23 the point is that people ultimately have to decide for
24 themselves whether they want to vote yea or nay for something.
25 And so to the extent that the substantive consolidation

1 analysis factors into that, in a material way potentially, that
2 people should have some understanding of what the underlying
3 factors or so that they can decide, yeah, okay, if that's the
4 debtors' decision, that makes sense based on the facts they've
5 told me, and therefore I'll vote for it; as opposed to saying
6 well, okay, they say they -- they decided, but I don't know
7 why, so I don't --

8 THE COURT: No, but I just said why. And again, it's
9 not a Augie/Restivo -- it's not, you know, like the
10 nonsubstantive -- non -- twenty-five page nonsubstantive
11 consolidation opinion that lawyers give. This is good for you.

12 MR. FOX: Well, okay.

13 THE COURT: I think there're two different points.
14 They're going to -- if someone objects, the debtors are going
15 to go through Augie/Restivo. But their first point is, as a
16 matter of just business sense, it makes sense to do this.

17 MR. FOX: No, and I appreciate that. But as, you
18 know, we heard from Mr. Tepper, for instance, a TOPrS holder,
19 for instance, take the view that we'd be better off not
20 consolidating because it'll help my recovery at --

21 THE COURT: But he's already -- but --

22 MR. FOX: -- but he's got two issues that he has to
23 consider then. One is what's the recovery going to be, which
24 you've addressed. The other is, even if I think I have a
25 chance of -- or even if I think there's a material change in

1 our recovery, what are my chances of being able to be
2 successful in doing that. And so that's why I say, to the
3 extent the debtor added some facts about what lies behind their
4 decision to do this, I think it actually is helpful to people
5 making a vote that maybe they should just go along with it
6 rather than not know.

7 THE COURT: Well --

8 MR. FOX: That's the point.

9 THE COURT: -- I don't -- I guess, my experience is
10 that it's a big deal to mount a substantive consolidation
11 fight. And I think if someone really is concerned about doing
12 that as opposed to how to vote on the plan, they're going to
13 come to -- they're going to come to Mr. Butler and probably to
14 Mr. Rosenberg, and maybe to you as counsel to their indentured
15 trustee, and say you know, what am I -- I think maybe I
16 benefited by not having substantive consolidation here, and I
17 want to mount a fight. Should I -- you know, tell me why I
18 shouldn't. That's what I would do. No one should really count
19 on the estate paying their legal fees to challenge this plan.
20 I certainly understand the logic of -- I'm not talking about
21 you. You have an indentured trustee lien and all that stuff.
22 But just the notion that, you know, creditors can just sort of
23 throw their hat in the ring to fight a plan, particularly
24 something like on substantive consolidation, which is a very
25 expensive proposition, and then think at the end of the day

1 they could be bought off by having their legal fees paid,
2 that's not how it works. So I -- and again, this is not
3 directed at you. I'm just looking at the benefit of laying
4 this out in more detail, and you know, I guess if the debtors
5 want to do it, they can, but it seemed to me that what they
6 needed to do was explain to people more clearly why they're
7 proposing it as an economic matter, and in particular why it's
8 good for those creditors who -- on a sort of an academic basis,
9 if you just look at the capital structure, would not benefit
10 from it, and why it's still good for them. And that's what I
11 really wanted them to focus on.

12 MR. BUTLER: And, you know, we're quite prepared to
13 do that. We don't -- what we're not trying to do is disclose a
14 litigation case that hopefully will never have to be litigated.

15 THE COURT: Okay.

16 MR. FOX: Not asking, just to, you know.

17 MR. BUTLER: That's what you're asking.

18 THE COURT: Well, what you sa -- what, you know --
19 I'm sure you read in those opinions, once you start on that
20 road, you have disclosure, you end up with a twenty-five page
21 document. I mean, that's -- City Bar Association is trying to
22 draft a model one, but it's still twenty pages, so.

23 MR. FOX: Thank you, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Okay.

25 MR. BRILLIANT: Your Honor, I think you've already

1 overruled a number of the disclosure objections that we had
2 raised in our papers, and I'm not going to reiterate them.
3 There are, you know, a few things that -- that we had asked for
4 that haven't been addressed so far.

5 THE COURT: Okay.

6 MR. BRILLIANT: One of the issues that we perceive
7 here is that, to a large extent, I guess there's a large, I
8 guess, disagreement, or people have different perceptions about
9 valuation. In disclosure statements, generally it's been my
10 experience, and I'm sure Your Honor's as well, having looked
11 at, you know, the Loral disclosure statement that sometimes you
12 get, like you do here, just, you know, three pages of
13 boilerplate analysis from the debtors' financial adviser on
14 valuation, and in other situations, like I said -- like I
15 mentioned, you know, Loral, some of the airline cases, you get
16 a much more fulsome, you know, disclosure about valuation, so
17 that, you know, people can look at it and get a better sense as
18 to what it was that the debtors' financial adviser did, and
19 then they can reach their own conclusion as to whether they
20 agree with value.

21 We had requested that the debtor provide a little bit
22 more than, like I said, it was pretty much just, you know,
23 boilerplate language that they did a valuation and these were,
24 you know, the ranges they came out to, and this is how it, you
25 know, it turns into, you know, share prices, so that we, you

1 know, creditors in general can get some sense as to whether
2 they agree with the -- you know, the -- you know, the
3 Rothschild numbers or other valuations. I believe it's Exhibit
4 C, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: No, it's Appendix D.

6 MR. BRILLIANT: D, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Okay.

8 MR. BUTLER: I think, Your Honor -- I think what
9 we're doing here, what the real issue here is, Mr. Brilliant,
10 in discovery, got a copy of the Rothschild valuation report,
11 which is very detailed, and indicates what the board
12 considered. And he got it in discovery, although he's not
13 permitted under his protective order to share it with his
14 clients. And the -- what we have in Exhibit D here -- Appendix
15 D here, and Mr. Shaw would indicate about having the
16 Rothschild, is the standard report that they have given in this
17 and other Chapter 11 cases when they are an investment banker
18 to the debtors. We do not believe that it's appropriate or
19 necessary to put Rothschild's complete valuation report or a
20 further summary of it out into the marketplace, other than the
21 results.

22 MR. BRILLIANT: Your Honor, this is not a desire on
23 my part to share the report with my clients, but instead to,
24 you know, have the disclosure statement contain, you know, what
25 I believe would be adequate information for people who are

1 voting on it. As I said, I really do believe that at the end
2 of the day this is really about perceptions of value. The
3 debtors have one perception; the marketplace currently has a
4 different perception; my clients have a third perception; and
5 at the end of the day, whether or not you think this is a fair
6 plan, depends upon what you think is the value of what you're
7 getting. And, you know -- you know, right now it does say what
8 the low, the high end and the midpoint of the Rothschild range
9 is, but that's really all it says. It doesn't dis -- you know,
10 and that they did, you know, typical -- you know, typical, you
11 know, analyses. I don't even believe they give the date of
12 their -- of their report. So to the extent that, you know,
13 somebody wanted to look in, you know, and reach a conclusion as
14 to whether things in the market had changed since then, it's
15 just very -- to say it's even bare bones, I think, Your Honor,
16 is an overstatement. It's just a bunch of boilerplate language
17 that they did an analysis.

18 THE COURT: Well, I -- I don't agree with that. I
19 also don't agree with the notion that you would put in a full
20 valuation analysis. It's fair to put the date of the --

21 MR. BRILLIANT: I'm sorry, excuse me.

22 THE COURT: -- it's fair to put the date of the
23 valuation in. You should do that.

24 MR. BUTLER: I thought it was in there.

25 MS. SPEAKER: It says as of the 31st of December.

1 THE COURT: Yeah. I mean, it is --

2 MR. BRILLIANT: Yeah, when they prepared it, Your
3 Honor, I mean it says it's as of 12/31 --

4 THE COURT: Yeah --

5 MR. BRILLIANT: -- but that's not --

6 THE COURT: -- at least it should say, you know, when
7 it was last updated.

8 MR. BUTLER: That date, Your Honor, I'm advised by
9 Ms. Shaw, is October 19, 2007. We'll add a sentence that says
10 that.

11 THE COURT: Okay. You know, this is a public
12 company. There's a lot of public reporting, and there's a lot
13 of -- a lot of disclosure in here already. So I don't think
14 you need that.

15 MR. BRILLIANT: Your Honor, with respect to one of
16 the other issues we had raised with respect to the TOPrS. We
17 had requested that the disclosure statement disclose that the
18 plan investors, you know, are holders of the TOPrS, and that
19 they had, you know, a role in negotiating the recoveries for
20 the TOPrS. You know, we think that somebody, you know, voting
21 to determine whether or not they wanted to weigh their
22 seniority rights would like to know how the settlement was
23 arrived at, who it was negotiated with, and whatever influences
24 they would have. I understand that Your honor ruled this
25 morning that it's just legitimate leverage, and that may be,

1 but it's still something that I think somebody would want to
2 know in voting on the plan.

3 THE COURT: Well, I wasn't really addressing the
4 TOPrS when I talked about leverage. But it's -- if I
5 understand it, we have disclosed it.

6 MR. BUTLER: I thought it was disclosed that they
7 owned the various levels of debt securities.

8 MR. BRILLIANT: It's not disclosed -- it says that
9 they own debt securities, it doesn't disclose what percentage
10 of the TOPrS they own or even -- I believe you just disclosed
11 the same as what's in their 2019. They have 283 million
12 dollars of debt securities. It doesn't say which ones they
13 are.

14 THE COURT: All right.

15 MR. BRILLIANT: Am I wrong about that?

16 MR. BUTLER: No, it doesn't have the exact
17 percentages, because I think until the -- it does describe what
18 they own, but not how much they own. That's right.

19 MR. BRILLIANT: Does it say debt secu -- it says debt
20 security, but that doesn't -- did you guys change it? Does it
21 no longer just say it?

22 MR. BUTLER: I mean, we had -- the point is we have
23 information which has been shared discovery with Mr. Brilliant,
24 some of which, I think, was put on the record in the litigation
25 yesterday by Mr. Brilliant.

1 THE COURT: Well, I don't think you need to give
2 percentages. Because they could change. But I do think it's
3 okay to say that the debtors are informed that the plan
4 investors own, whatever the number that was in there already --

5 MR. BUTLER: All right.

6 THE COURT: -- of the debtors' present debt. And
7 that may include whatever has been listed on -- as a matter of
8 public record.

9 MR. BUTLER: Yeah, I mean my point is --

10 THE COURT: Not percentage, just what it is.

11 MR. BUTLER: -- yeah --

12 THE COURT: -- what different ones. I don't
13 believe -- and I don't believe the record really reflects this,
14 that they played an undue role in negotiating the treatment for
15 the TOPrs.

16 MR. BUTLER: Your Honor, I'm just trying to figure
17 out what we can disclose and not disclose. Mr. Brilliant took
18 discovery, got that information, elicited some of that
19 information during the course of the hearing. We have some of
20 the information that -- about that --

21 THE COURT: Well, you can only disclose what has been
22 disclosed publicly.

23 MR. BUTLER: -- right. But it may not be complete,
24 what Mr. --

25 THE COURT: No, I would say that you would have to

1 put a caveat around it.

2 MR. BUTLER: Yeah. Because -- because we have a non-
3 disclosure agreement, where they made certain disclosures to
4 us, but it's confidential. We're not permitted to disclose it.

5 THE COURT: No. Just base it on what Mr. Teppler
6 said publicly.

7 MR. BUTLER: Okay.

8 THE COURT: And not percentages. Just that they
9 hold -- various plan investors hold --

10 MR. BUTLER: I don't know what was actually -- I may
11 have to come up with --

12 THE COURT: I don't even -- I have in my notes. I
13 mean, it was basically across the capital structure. It was
14 senior debt, junior debt, stock --

15 MR. BUTLER: Right.

16 THE COURT: -- preferred stock.

17 MR. BUTLER: Right. They own across the capital
18 structure. I just don't know what he relevant percentage --

19 THE COURT: You don't -- no, but you don't have to
20 give the --

21 MR. BUTLER: I don't have to give the amounts.

22 THE COURT: No.

23 MR. BUTLER: I just say -- okay. Thank you, Your
24 Honor.

25 THE COURT: I mean, the records show that none of it

1 was -- was a -- well just leave it at that.

2 MR. BRILLIANT: Your Honor, like Mr. Fox, and I'm not
3 going to belabor this, but I also believe that in addition to
4 the summary, people look at the distribution chart. And I
5 think that some kind of, you know, range of recovery should be
6 in the --

7 THE COURT: But that's part of the summary. I mean,
8 it's like one page after -- it's all -- that's the summary.
9 Those whole ten pages.

10 MR. BRILLIANT: Right. But I'm saying people won't
11 necessarily read, you know, the summary and the chart. They
12 may just look at the chart.

13 THE COURT: I don't -- you know what, on this one, I
14 don't think that's right. I think this is too complicated to
15 just look at the chart. And I think a reasonable person would
16 know that.

17 MR. BRILLIANT: You --

18 THE COURT: I mean, I read -- I -- it's easy to read,
19 and that's what I'd read. And I think if you -- you're right.
20 A lot of people just turn to the chart normally. With this
21 one, if I turn to the chart, I would decide, I think, pretty
22 quickly, given its use of the term nego -- you know, plan
23 value, and --

24 MR. BUTLER: Your Honor, I point out the chart comes
25 before -- the plan value -- valuations all come before --

1 THE COURT: Yeah.

2 MR. BUTLER: -- the distribution charts do. So it's
3 in the earlier part of the summary.

4 THE COURT: Let me -- let me just look at this one
5 second.

6 (Pause)

7 THE COURT: You know what, Mr. Butler, put a footnote
8 after the phrase "plan equity value" in the hundred percent --
9 where it says a hundred percent. On a distribution of new
10 common stock at plan equity value, on the chart.

11 MR. BUTLER: I'm looking for it. Yes, Your Honor?

12 THE COURT: Put a footnote there with a cross
13 reference to the pages of the summary that discuss that issue.

14 MR. BUTLER: Is that true in every -- every -- just
15 in that -- I mean, that part appears throughout this chart.
16 I -- can I -- I was thinking, Your Honor, if you want to do it,
17 the other place if you want to --

18 THE COURT: No, I would -- I think it's really key
19 for the --

20 MR. BUTLER: -- the other place we could put it, Your
21 Honor, is at the top of page Romanette 22, which is the
22 introductory to the -- introduction to the charts. And it has
23 a bunch of cautionary items in it already. We could add a
24 sentence right there that makes reference.

25 THE COURT: All right.

1 MR. BUTLER: That way it's applicable to the entire
2 set of charts.

3 THE COURT: That's fine. Do that.

4 MR. BRILLIANT: In there, Your Honor, the general
5 unsecured claims, which is all I really care about.

6 THE COURT: Yeah, I know but --

7 MR. BUTLER: The debtor cares about all of our
8 constituents, not just --

9 THE COURT: Yeah. I think you're right. At the
10 start of the -- at the start of the chart section, you can put
11 that cross reference in.

12 MR. BRILLIANT: The only people it really matters to
13 or who don't know about it are the general unsecured. I think
14 everybody else --

15 THE COURT: No, that's not true. The shareholders
16 are voting.

17 MR. BRILLIANT: The shareholders are -- are getting,
18 you know, small amounts of shares, but they're mostly getting
19 warrants.

20 THE COURT: It means a lot to them, you know. It's
21 like Danny Webster said about Dartmouth. You know, it's a
22 small distribution but there are those who love it. Or maybe
23 not. They want to know.

24 MR. BRILLIANT: Your Honor, we had requested in our
25 objection that the debtor give a little more description in

1 connection with the -- the exit financing. Currently it is not
2 a condition to confirmation of the plan that they have exit
3 financing, but instead a condition of consummation of the plan.
4 Now, I don't know whether if they didn't have the financing
5 committed by the confirmation date whether Your Honor would
6 hold a confirmation hearing or not. One thing we had asked
7 them to hold -- to disclose was that if they -- if the plan was
8 confirmed and the exit financing wasn't in place at that time,
9 that you know, there could be -- the debtor could be in a
10 situation where the plan was confirmed and didn't go effective
11 for a lengthy, you know, period of time. You know, we hope
12 that that's not going to be the case, but there is not a
13 provision in the plan that it automatically terminates, or --

14 THE COURT: But that's why they have the feasibility
15 requirement in the Bankruptcy Code. So the plan's not going to
16 be confirmed unless it's feasible. So I don't think they need
17 to get into that. I don't -- that's too speculative a
18 scenario.

19 MR. BRILLIANT: Well, Your Honor, obviously as I'm
20 sure you probably are aware, I'm a, you know, a little
21 disappointed in the -- Your Honor's ruling on the
22 classification and the, you know, subordination, but there's
23 nothing I can do about that --

24 THE COURT: Well, let's be clear. It's not a ruling
25 for purposes of objecting to the plan. It's an articulation of

1 why I believe the plan should be able to go out for a vote,
2 notwithstanding the concerns you've raised on both
3 classification and disparate treatment. And my view is that
4 the cost of setting the plan out and going down this path is
5 not outweighed by the ability of someone to come in, not a
6 class, but an individual creditor, and objection under 1122 and
7 under 1123(a)(4), on those bases, because I believe that
8 there's a reasonable chance that if such an objection were
9 sustainable, it could be fixed under 1127 based upon the way
10 the debtors are counting the votes and also based upon the
11 numerous disclosures in this document now, about the importance
12 of people voting. So I'm not ruling, ultimately, on
13 confirmation today. I'm just ruling that there's enough to let
14 it go out.

15 MR. BRILLIANT: I understand, Your Honor. But I
16 guess, you know, my view, which is not important here is that
17 the -- is that necessarily on this point, but that, you know,
18 under 1123(a)(4) in particular, you know, given, you know, that
19 there is disparate treatment for people in the same class, the
20 debtors are at least initially, you know, choose to, you know,
21 how they want to separate the claims with the expectation that
22 they could always reconfigure it later. My concern is that it
23 be -- it's become -- it's just very confusing, you know, to,
24 you know, to people who are, you know, in a class and their
25 votes may be counted in connection with that class and also

1 maybe counted in a -- in a disparate way, you know, for
2 purposes of waiving the subordination agreement. Although I
3 understand that the language that you -- that Your Honor has
4 directed be added will clarify that somewhat. But it doesn't
5 really clarify it that much from the standpoint, you know, is
6 it a two-thirds and majority of people who are affected by the
7 subordination agreement in which that's going to be considered,
8 or -- it's just -- it's just completely, you know -- you know,
9 vague and --

10 THE COURT: Wouldn't it tell you to vote -- if you
11 believed strongly on this issue, it doesn't matter whether --
12 what percentage it is, you yourself, better vote. I don't -- I
13 don't -- I mean if you --

14 MR. BRILLIANT: Well, I think that's right, Your
15 Honor. But whether or not you want to, you know, vote and
16 challenge the plan or not vote or, you know, depends upon what
17 you think the rules of the road are. And the disclosure
18 statement doesn't -- doesn't tell you.

19 THE COURT: Well, I'm not -- I wouldn't tell them the
20 rules of the road anyway, because I believe there's a very open
21 issue on this. You're relying on a 1980 Chapter 13 case from
22 the Western District of New York.

23 MR. BRILLIANT: Your Honor, I believe I'm relying on
24 three Second Circuit Court decisions that predate the --

25 THE COURT: Predate --

1 MR. BRILLIAN: -- the Bankruptcy Code --

2 THE COURT: -- exactly. That predate the Bankruptcy
3 Code.

4 MR. BRILLIANT: -- which -- and I think, Your
5 Honor --

6 THE COURT: So there's an issue there. Because the
7 debtors have cited a number of cases for their proposition, and
8 the leading commentator on bankruptcy supports them in large
9 measure. So I'm not going to spell out the rules of the road.
10 And I'm not going to turn this into a confirmation objection.
11 I believe there's enough to let it go out for a vote, because I
12 think the vote is what counts. And then a lot of this is more
13 performance art. And so I've had enough of this point.

14 MR. BRILLIANT: You know, I don't have any --
15 anything else that I want to --

16 THE COURT: Okay.

17 MR. BRILLIANT: -- raise orally, Your Honor. You
18 have our pleadings.

19 THE COURT: Okay.

20 MR. BUTLER: Your Honor, could we take a brief recess
21 to -- so we can go back to the solicitation --

22 THE COURT: Yeah.

23 MR. BUTLER: -- that we have to sort of regroup.

24 THE COURT: While you're doing that, my markup is
25 here, and someone should go and Xerox it.

1 MR. BUTLER: Thank you.

2 MR. BRILLIANT: Your Honor, I do have one more point.
3 It's not a disclosure point. But I don't know what the
4 procedure's going to be. One thing, by not dealing with the
5 classification and the voting issues up front is that the way
6 the debtors are proposing in their timeline is that the -- is
7 that the balloting report would be given, you know, filed and
8 disclosed the day before the confirmation hearing. I don't
9 believe that, you know, that that's, you know, going to be, you
10 know, sufficient time. I -- you know, if anybody wanted to
11 object and had, you know, these issues, obviously they could,
12 you know -- you know, raise the classification, you know -- you
13 know, issue, and raise the 1123 issue, but they're not going
14 to -- they're not going to know until, you know, if Your Honor
15 adopts their schedule, until really the day before as to how
16 the votes actually came out and how the debtor is slicing and
17 dicing them or, you know, modifying the classification of
18 claims to deal with the issues. I'm just concerned that it
19 doesn't provide, you know, sufficient -- sufficient notice.

20 MR. BUTLER: Your Honor, perhaps we can discuss that
21 during the recess and maybe come back with a partial solution
22 for it. I view the timeline as part of the solicitation
23 procedure's motion.

24 THE COURT: Okay.

25 MR. BUTLER: If we can deal with that at that time,

1 I'd appreciate it.

2 THE COURT: Just while I'm thinking. I -- right now
3 you proposed a ballot certification on January 16th?

4 MR. BUTLER: Right, that's the -- right. The
5 certification that comes in on the 16th in advance -- which
6 would date the final purchase. I think the final is the day
7 before the confirmation hearing. But that's not -- you know,
8 we will have provisional recording that, you know, you get the
9 provisional balloting, and that's the final certification by
10 the agent. And I would certainly think we could share
11 provisional reports with people who filed objections on that
12 issue by the objection deadline. So I mean, I think there's a
13 way to --

14 THE COURT: All right.

15 MR. BUTLER: -- parse this. I mean, you know, as the
16 Court knows, when you -- you know, there's a final report, but
17 there are, you know, periodic reports we get. And I'd like to
18 discuss that --

19 THE COURT: All right.

20 MR. BUTLER: -- if I could, during the recess.

21 THE COURT: That's fine.

22 MR. BUTLER: Thanks, Judge.

23 THE COURT: Well, I don't know about you, but I'd
24 like to eat something. So I'll be back at 4.

25 MR. BUTLER: Four o'clock. Thanks, Judge.

1 THE COURT: And Karen, you can give them my markup.
2 Why don't you have them -- if they can't read it, maybe they
3 can talk to you about it.

4 MS. SPEAKER: Do you want them to Xerox, or do you
5 want them to --

6 THE COURT: Yeah. They should make a Xerox of it.
7 Yeah, I guess.

8 (Recess from 3:06 p.m. until 4:04 p.m.)

9 THE COURT: Please be seated. Okay. We're back on
10 the record in Delphi Corporation and I think -- are we at
11 the -- are we now dealing with the solicitation procedures and
12 timelines?

13 MR. BUTLER: Yes, Your Honor. Your Honor, also for
14 the record, appearing with me for this portion of the hearing
15 is my partner, Ron Meisler, who has been most directly involved
16 in the solicitation procedures matters in case the Court has
17 specific questions about timetables and in terms of working
18 with the solicitation agents.

19 With respect to the timeline, let me just sort of
20 give a sense -- we've talked -- I have talked to Mr. Brilliant
21 during the recess about providing -- what we agree to do is
22 provide objectors. People who file objections by the objection
23 deadline who would like information regarding balloting can
24 contact us and we'll provide them with the same provisional
25 balloting information that we have.

1 THE COURT: What's the proposed objection deadline
2 again?

3 MR. BUTLER: Right now it's -- Your Honor, it's
4 proposed for January 11th.

5 THE COURT: Okay. Same day as the ballot deadline?

6 MR. BUTLER: Correct.

7 THE COURT: Okay.

8 MR. BUTLER: And it's ten days before -- we tried
9 to -- and exhibit deadline is ten days before that. We tried
10 to meet --

11 THE COURT: Okay.

12 MR. BUTLER: -- all the requirements Your Honor asked
13 us to.

14 THE COURT: All right.

15 MR. BUTLER: And what we were trying to do, Your
16 Honor, is among all the multi variable equations we have in
17 this case is actually try to emerge in the first quarter of the
18 year where 10Ks are being filed and there's rights offerings
19 being run and we have a lot of other regulations we have to
20 follow in terms of just trying to make sure we do everything
21 correctly. You know, we're trying to shoot for an emergence,
22 if we can stay on the timetable, that would allow us to emerge
23 no later than February 28th and hopefully a few days prior to
24 that. We're shooting, I think, for a little bit earlier than
25 that if it's possible during the month. It just depends on a

1 variety of issues. I mean, the point is I think, Your Honor,
2 for some sense, the actual closing of this transaction, the
3 corporate closing, will be fairly significant in terms of what
4 has to come together to actually emerge. And the -- 'cause
5 that's when a number of the agreements with the six unions go
6 live and there's documentation associated with that, General
7 Motors, plus all the normal plan documentation and the
8 financing matter. So it's just going to be a fairly complex
9 closing.

10 So we're trying to sort of keep on the schedule. One
11 of the things we looked at in Your Honor's chambers -- have
12 given some different dates to look at in terms of things that
13 might be available on the Court calendar. It seems to us that
14 if we try and shoot for the 17th and 18th -- it's a Thursday
15 and Friday and it's contiguous -- we're able to do that. The
16 next sort of dates were the 18th and the 22nd. The problem
17 from my perspective on that is I'm just trying to sort of be
18 mindful of the fact that we all have lives, too. That would be
19 bookends on the three day holiday weekend.

20 THE COURT: Right.

21 MR. BUTLER: And to have a contested confirmation
22 hearing on both ends of that weekend just strikes me as -- and
23 planning for it that way.

24 THE COURT: I'm looking at colleges that weekend.

25 So --

1 MR. BUTLER: Yeah.

2 THE COURT: Not for me but --

3 MR. BUTLER: Yes. Yeah, just planning it that way
4 just seemed to us --

5 THE COURT: All right.

6 MR. BUTLER: So we're trying to shoot for the 17th
7 and the 18th. And in order to do that, this -- we have, I
8 think, talked with the -- over the course of the afternoon. We
9 would need to be able to get all of the proofs of this to the
10 printers in final form by very early Tuesday morning. So we'd
11 have to be done by late Monday which means, essentially, we
12 need to get Your Honor's order rendered by Monday to do that.
13 And then we -- I think the timetable then works although
14 everyone believes it's tight. So I think this is the timetable
15 we have up here which is an exhibit to the hearing -- we have
16 up on the slide is what I think we're proposing. I'm not sure
17 at this point that anybody has any objections to it but I'll
18 ask in terms of the timeline itself.

19 So I don't know if the Court has any of its own
20 concerns in terms of just the timing of matters. This would
21 provide for a twenty-seven day solicitation period assuming
22 that it's mailed on the last day to mail and it goes through
23 the normal deadline. That would be what is provided here.

24 THE COURT: That's the period to the actual vote
25 date?

1 MR. BUTLER: Yes. That's the actual solicitation.
2 If we mailed it on the last day permitted to mail, there would
3 be twenty-seven days from that day to the day the final votes
4 were due.

5 MR. BRILLIANT: Your Honor, the only issue we raise
6 with respect to the voting record date, which, I guess, now got
7 as November 26th, would typically be the date of entry of the
8 disclosure statement.

9 THE COURT: Well, those were one of the questions I
10 had. Why did you pick that date? Does that tie in to what
11 your voting agents have told you?

12 MR. BUTLER: Part of the problem has been to assemble
13 all of the information for voting. At one point -- I think we
14 could have at one point updated it. At this point, all of the
15 data is in the process of being pulled in order to be able to
16 solicit. And that's been part of the problem.

17 THE COURT: As of that date?

18 MR. BUTLER: Yes, as of that date. I mean, it's --
19 quite honestly, I'd love to say that there was magic to that
20 date. We could have actually updated -- when the hearing moved
21 another few days, we actually could have moved it another few
22 days had we thought to do it. I'll concede, Your Honor, that
23 we didn't do it at that point. And now the solicitation dates
24 are pulling all the data in order to be able to commence the
25 execution of the solicitation.

1 THE COURT: Well, it's reasonably close.

2 MR. BRILLIANT: Okay. I assume the main issue you
3 have is with respect to the equity not the debts?

4 MR. BUTLER: Well, actually, no. There's a variety
5 of issues in trying to get through -- certainly the equity is a
6 significant thing but not every bondholder is known to you or
7 known to the --

8 MR. BRILLIANT: But those are the -- well, those are
9 the beneficial holders and they -- I mean --

10 MR. BUTLER: Well, that's --

11 MR. BRILLIANT: It's all going to be held in street
12 names. So --

13 THE COURT: Well, at least from my experience in
14 another case recently, the Allegiance case, these are things
15 that can be done overnight. I'm comfortable with that date as
16 a record date.

17 MR. BUTLER: Thank you. Any other -- anyone have any
18 other issues on timeline unless the Court does?

19 THE COURT: How do you propose to memorialize -- you
20 propose putting it in the order, just sharing the information
21 to objectors on voting?

22 MR. BUTLER: I can certainly add that to the order.

23 THE COURT: Okay.

24 MR. BUTLER: We're happy to do it.

25 THE COURT: All right.

1 MR. BUTLER: That certainly was my understanding.
2 Mr. Brilliant, I'm happy to put it in the order.

3 THE COURT: Okay.

4 MR. BUTLER: Okay. So we'll modify the order and
5 indicate that anyone who files an objection after -- as of the
6 objection filing date can give us notice and we'll provide
7 periodic outputs.

8 So I think, Your Honor, unless you have -- the rest
9 is whatever the Court's questions are.

10 THE COURT: Yeah. Well, I had two points on the
11 procedures. Yeah. First, I thought that subject obviously to
12 people's ability to seek a shorter period under the local rules
13 that people, in response to a claim objection, should have ten
14 days following the objection rather than seven to make their
15 3018 motion. And I don't -- just thinking about the timing, I
16 don't think that that screws it up. I don't think you're
17 expecting any -- okay. And this is implicit but I put it in
18 the order -- I always do this. The idea about debtors given
19 extension of the voting deadline, I put in subject to
20 necessary -- any necessary Court approval on that. It's not
21 just a --

22 MR. BUTLER: It's not our deadline.

23 THE COURT: It's not an automatic. And then the last
24 point I had was a question. I don't think these provisions or
25 this provision was in the original motion or in the order.

1 Right at the end of the order, there's this paragraph Trading
2 in Delphi's Securities to the extent Delphi opens a trading
3 window for insiders to trade and Delphi's securities members of
4 the creditors' committee and equity committee will have the
5 same opportunity. What --

6 MR. BUTLER: I'm sorry. This is paragraph -- I'm
7 sorry?

8 THE COURT: Paragraph 45. It's right next to the
9 last paragraph in the order. And I just don't -- I don't know
10 where that's coming from and what's going on there with that
11 provision.

12 MR. BUTLER: Oh. Your Honor, the -- I will tell you.
13 I can explain what that provision is. The window for trading
14 in these cases for the members of the fiduciary -- of the
15 equity committee and the creditors' committee and the window
16 for trading by insiders of the debtors has been closed, I
17 think, since October 2005. Once the disclosure statement is
18 out and is approved by Your Honor as out, the question will be
19 whether there will be the opportunity for a window to be open.
20 This was a much more relevant discussion about two months ago
21 when we thought that there would be a timing between the third
22 quarter queue and the disclosure statement being at the same
23 time.

24 THE COURT: When everything's public?

25 MR. BUTLER: Everything's pub -- there's a window in

1 which everything's public. And we had been contacted by
2 counsel for the committee saying that if in fact there was a
3 window open by the debtors -- and that's done by our general
4 counsel based on the reviewing of the securities laws. If a
5 window is open, it's properly opened up. The two statutory
6 committees want to make sure that it was opened up for their
7 members so that no one could claim that they were acting
8 improperly for the same period of time. I think in reality,
9 Your Honor, given the way the timing is going, I suspect it's
10 going to be more difficult to open that window. But that's the
11 reason it's in the order is at the request of the committees
12 and it was for that purpose.

13 THE COURT: But also, I mean, the committees, they
14 have -- you know, they have different issues about different
15 constraints on trading. The U.S. trustee has her view on the
16 duties of committees to trade and not trade.

17 MR. BUTLER: Well, the question was only if in fact
18 there is a legitimate window open that is applicable to
19 insiders of the debtor based on the securities laws because
20 from a bankruptcy perspective, everything material -- assuming
21 Your Honor is (indiscernible), everything material that we have
22 for these matters is going to be out, you know, in terms of the
23 -- you know, for a moment.

24 THE COURT: No. My point's a little bit different,
25 which is separate and apart from the securities laws. And I

1 know that -- I believe there are trading orders in place for
2 the committees. Are there?

3 MR. BRILLIANT: No.

4 THE COURT: No, there are not.

5 MR. BUTLER: No.

6 THE COURT: So, I mean, separate and apart from the
7 securities laws, there are issues about committee members
8 trading. And I guess I don't want this to be an implica -- if
9 you want to change this to say to the extent Delphi determines
10 to open a trading window for insiders to trade in Delphi's
11 securities, it will inform counsel for the committees of its
12 intention to do so, that's okay because then they can take
13 whatever appropriate steps they want to take with the U.S.
14 trustee or with the Court.

15 MR. MELWANI: Yeah, I think, Your Honor -- Vivek
16 Melwani from the equity committee -- on behalf of the equity
17 committee. For our guise, it was more an issue of getting the
18 protection of the company making the decision that in addition
19 to the disclosure statement order and the disclosure statement,
20 that there was no material information outside.

21 THE COURT: Well --

22 MR. MELWANI: I don't think it was their expectation
23 that people would stay on the committee. And just to give a
24 specific example, there's at least two members of our committee
25 whose share count will result in them only being entitled to

1 fractional shares. So if they want to realize --

2 THE COURT: All right. The way it's drafted, though,
3 it seems like -- you know, they shall have the opportunity to
4 trade suggests that they could stay on the committee and do
5 that. Maybe the thing to do is to simply provide that you'll
6 give the committee members advance notice of your determination
7 to do so and your conclusion that it would be as a securities
8 law matter appropriate to do so, if you're willing to go that
9 far or whether you just want to give them advance notice.

10 MR. MELWANI: I think I'd probably just give them
11 notice, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: All right. Then just give them advance
13 notice. And then you all can do whatever you think is
14 appropriate as far as seeking permission or your clients can
15 get off the committee, I suppose.

16 MR. MELWANI: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor.

17 MR. BUTLER: Thank you, Judge. Your Honor, if may
18 also, overnight we did make a -- and it was one of the last
19 exhibits for the day. We did make -- add the reservation of
20 rights language. If Your Honor wants to see that.

21 THE COURT: I think I did -- I saw the blackline.

22 MR. BUTLER: Okay. That's all in --

23 THE COURT: Okay. All right. The debtors have
24 sought and would have granted in one order, one proposed form
25 of order, an approval of their disclosure statement dated most

1 currently December 6th, 2007 as well as procedures for
2 solicitation of votes on the plan obviously scheduling the
3 hearing on confirmation of the plan and various deadlines in
4 connection therewith including the ballot deadline and the
5 objection deadline as well as for notices that trigger
6 procedures for resolving cure claim disputes in connection with
7 contracts to be assumed and assigned at or around confirmation
8 of the plan and procedures for reconciling and resolving
9 disputes relating to post-petition interests.

10 I have reviewed the objections to the disclosure
11 statement that were filed many of which have been withdrawn.
12 I've also reviewed the disclosure statement and plan myself in
13 light of the standard set forth in Section 1125 of the Code.
14 And at the hearing today I've given my comments on the
15 disclosure statement in the areas that I believe it must be
16 changed to provide adequate information to voters. A number of
17 those comments reflect comments and objections made by various
18 parties in the case. However, in other respects, having
19 considered those objections and in particular objections by the
20 continuing remaining objectants that I haven't yet ruled on,
21 Wilmington Trust, and the ad hoc group of bondholders, I have
22 overruled those objections for the reasons stated during the
23 course of the hearing.

24 First, generally speaking, that I believed they were,
25 to the extent I have not adopted them, overkill and/or unduly

1 putting in the debtors' document the objectors' litigation
2 positions or, in addition, that to the extent the objections
3 were arguing that the disclosure statement couldn't go out
4 because various features of the underlying plan rendered that
5 plan facially unconfirmable or likely not to be confirmed
6 unless it was argued the expense of seeking confirmation would
7 not be warranted. I've overruled those objections based on my
8 conclusion that the plan is not facially unconfirmable or, in
9 the alternative, that the plan may be subject to modification
10 under 1127 of the Code in a relatively easy way given the
11 manner in which the debtors will be tabulating votes that the
12 plan should be indeed voted on and creditors should have the
13 choice and shareholders should have the choice whether to
14 assume or reject the plan in light of their analysis of the
15 effect of accepting the plan or, in the alternative, rejecting
16 the plan would have on their recovery.

17 Those changes that I've required are either
18 handwritten in a draft I've given the debtors after the
19 disclosure statement hearing or have, I believe, clearly been
20 set out on the record. And I understand that the debtors will
21 be implementing those changes in a couple of places in
22 consultation with counsel for the MDL group and the creditors'
23 committee. When they submit those changes and in blackline as
24 against the December 6th draft to chambers, they won't be
25 filing those changes with the Court but they will be copying

1 the objectors, the official committees, MDL counsel, GM's
2 counsel, plan investors' counsel, that is, Appaloosa's counsel,
3 unions' counsel and I guess will have the usual list of people
4 who have been copied in on the modifications as they've been
5 turned out over the last few weeks so that those parties can
6 review them to see if they're consistent with what was set out
7 on the record. I'll review them also in all likelihood Monday
8 afternoon and we'll contact him, through my chambers, the
9 debtors' counsel about whether there needs to be any further
10 changes in light of any discrepancy between what I understood
11 and what was in the document. And once I'm satisfied that the
12 changes have been made appropriately, then that document would
13 be filed. That document, if it's consistent, as I said, with
14 the changes I've laid out, I believe contains adequate
15 information for purposes of 1125 of the Code and will therefore
16 properly be sent out pursuant to the solicitation procedures.

17 I've reviewed those procedures with a few minor
18 comments that I've described on the record which I've put into
19 the order. Those procedures are fine and will be -- that order
20 will be entered when the disclosure statement is ready to be
21 approved.

22 Let me say that although the equity committee's
23 motion for an adjournment of the disclosure statement hearing
24 was withdrawn, I did consider when reviewing the disclosure
25 statement, that is, the December 6th one, whether there was a

1 good basis for suggesting that there should be further notice
2 of that document. It's the normal practice in Chapter 11
3 cases, and particularly in large ones, for there to be a number
4 of changes to the disclosure statement after the notice period
5 required by the bankruptcy rules. And the final document that
6 is approved often has considerable amount of blacklined changes
7 in it the theory being that Chapter 11 is, at least at this
8 stage, a process where there are frequent negotiations. And
9 also, of course, that the process itself of approving a
10 disclosure statement requires sometimes additions to the
11 document based on what the parties in interest have to say
12 about it. Because of that, I would normally only require
13 significant additional notice of a revision to a disclosure
14 statement if it significantly altered the underlying business
15 related information in the document since that is not a matter
16 that people are negotiating and can keep on track and on top
17 of.

18 I reviewed this document and the changes of that
19 nature are minimal and, I believe, clear. No one has
20 questioned them. And as a result I think that the notice here
21 of the amendments to the disclosure statement was adequate.

22 So, as I said, I will be reviewing the changes on
23 Monday and hope to be able to enter the order on Monday
24 afternoon.

25 MR. BUTLER: Thank you very much, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. This is a housekeeping
2 matter. I don't know if you still have exhibits in the other
3 courtroom, 601, but I'd ask, particularly since it's a Friday,
4 if you could move those out, find out if anyone's fallen asleep
5 in there and wake them up and generally clean out Judge Peck's
6 courtroom. Thank you.

7 (Whereupon these proceedings were concluded at 4:28
8 p.m.)
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